### PWR READ List

Last	First	Park/Unit	Profession	Overhead READ	Line READ
Acree	Marty	YOSE	Restoration Work Leader		
Allen	Sarah	PORE	Science Advisor		
Arguello	Leonel	REDW	Supervisory Botanist	Yes	Yes

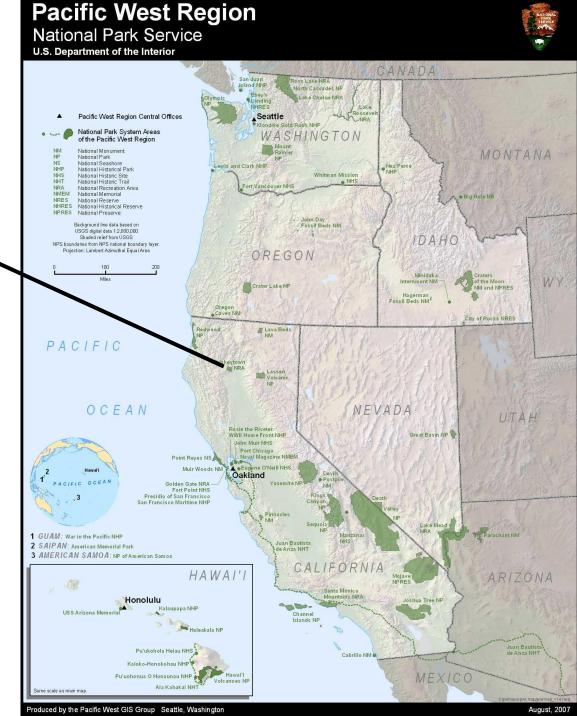
Beatty Boyers Brigham Buhler Bush Caprio Chaney Conca Cooper Cunningham-Summerfield Dethlefs Dougherty	Sue Laurel Christy Monica Kelly Tony Sarah Dave Kim Ben Brandon Dennis	YOSE YOSE SAMO YOSE NOCA SEKI CHIS OLYM PORE YOSE YOSE HAVO	Resource Management Wilderness Coordinator Restoration Ecologist Fire Effects Crew Supervisor Wilderness District Ranger Fire Ecologist Restoration Ecologist Archeologist Biological Technician Interpretive Ranger Lead Forestry Technician Archeologist	Yes
Dueser Faulkner Fauth Fincher Fisher Forrestel Forrestel Foster	Curt Kate Gregg Mark Timothy Alison Alison Dan	LAME CHIS SEKI YOSE BIHO PORE PORE WICA	Resource Management Specialist Natural Resource Management Chief Wilderness Coordinator Wilderness Specialist Park Ranger Fire Ecologist Fire Ecologist Resource Management Chief	Yes Yes Yes



#### **Cultural Resources**



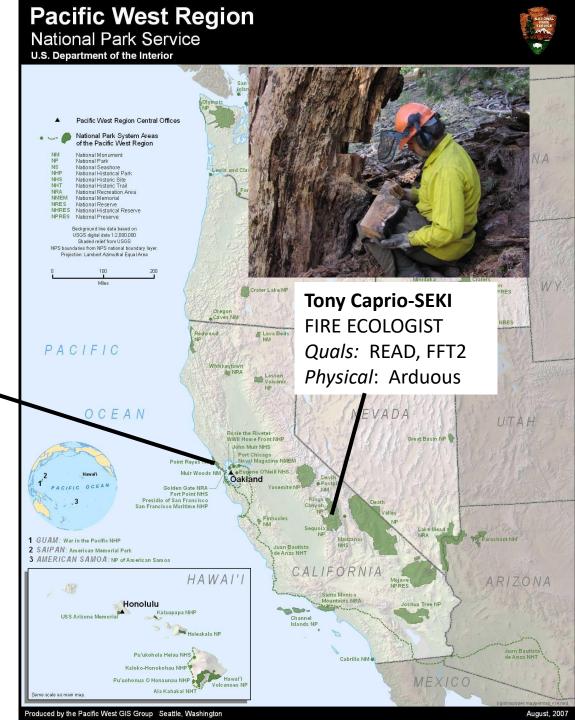
Joe Svinarich-WHIS
ARCHEOLOGIST (FIRE)
Quals: REAF, ARCH, BACS,
National BAER Team
member
Physical: Arduous



### **Vegetation/Weeds**



Alison Forrestel-PORE
FIRE ECOLOGIST
Quals: REAF, GISS, FFT2
Physical: Arduous



#### Wildlife



Sandee Dingman-LAME BIOLOGIST

Quals: PIOF, FEMO, BAEN, BABI, BABO, BAEL, BIOL, BOTA, ENSP, GISS, READ, REAF, THSP, PIO2(t), National BAER team member *Physical*: Arduous



#### **GIS**



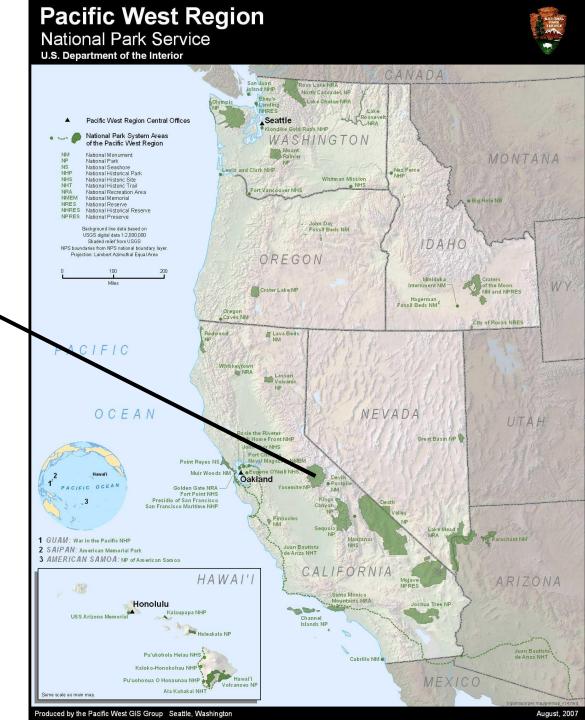
Kent Van Wagtendonk, YOSE

GEOGRAPHER-FIRE GIS SPECIALIST

Quals: REAF, READ,

GISS, FFT2

Physical: Arduous



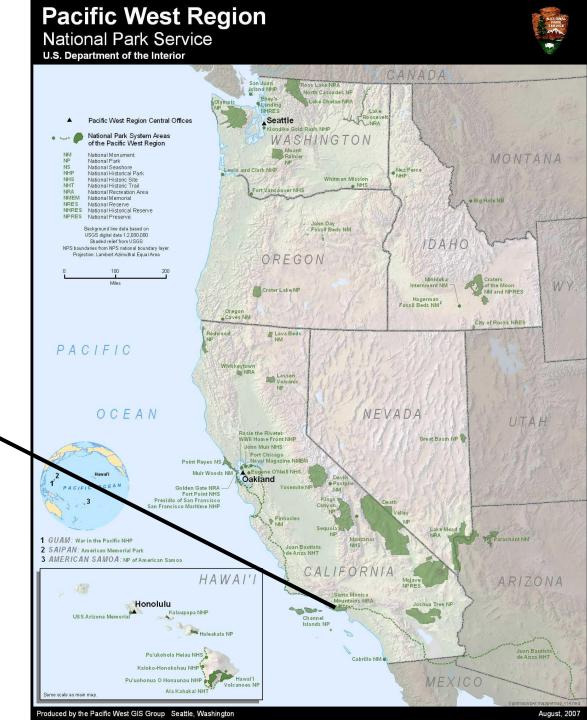
### **Deputy READ**



Marti Witter, SAMO FIRE ECOLOGIST

Quals: READ

Physical: None



## Information Exchange

#### To READs:

 Nature of assignment, values at risk, account number, logistical information, timeframe, etc.

#### From READs

- When are they available to be ordered and as what qual
- What equipment would they bring...laptop, GPS, tablet, camera, radio, cell phone, etc.
  - Get these approved on their Resource Order

### DAY 1, 1900: North Ops Calls...

- Do you want to take the assignment?
- When are you leaving and from where?
- How are you traveling (air, govt. vehicle, rental vehicle, etc.)?
- When do you anticipate arriving at the incident?
- Tell them if bringing a laptop, cell phone, radio, tablet, GPS, etc.

RESOURCE ORDER Initial Date/Time  OVERHEAD 07/13/18 2136		2. Incident / Project Name			3. Incident / Project Order Number CA-SNF-000745  4. Office Reference Number		P5 AI CF CF	Financial Codes P5L0BG(0515) [P] ABH CFAA - CA FIRE ASSIST AGR CFMA - CA COOP FIRE MGMT AGR SOA CC 73837040  9. Jurisdiction / Agency Sierra National Forest			
		FERGUSON					9.				
5. Descriptive Location FERGUSON		6. TWN	RNG	SEC	Base MDM	GREG COTTON 559-500-4546 MATT 310-9389-0305		10	10. Ordering Office Sierra Interagency ECC		
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#### "O-Number" Name + Qual **Anticipated Arrival** Page: 2 of 2 Run Date: 8/4/2018 20:38 CDT Server: rossreports.nwcg.gov Resource Requested Needed Deliver To From Unit To Unit Assigned Resource Resource Estimated **Estimated** Released Released To 12. Ordered From To Qty Date/Time Date/Time **Assigned Unit** Assigned Ind Time Of Time Of Date Request Date/Time Numbe Departure Arrival CA-SICC RESOURCE ADVISOR 08/04/18 Drake, Cedar 08/06/18 08/07/18 08/04/18 (Dispatch) 08/07/18 FERGUSON CA-SICC 0-1423 (READ) (Drake, Cedar WA-NCP 334 PST 559-500-4 2000 PST (WA-PSC) 0800 PST 2000 PST (WA-PSC)) Reporting Instructions Awahanee Hills Regional Park Travel Mode AOV Financial Code CFAA Special Needs Justification: Cedar Drake will replace the Lead READ who is 3469 Hwy 49 timing out. He has extensive local knowledge on the development and vahanee, CA implementation of suppression repair, especially for lands that fall under the jurisdiction of the USFS and NPS. Cell phone, computer, Rental vehicle, AOV, POV authorized. 13. User Documentation Reg. No. **Entered By** Thomas Evans (CA-SICC) 0-1423 General message 850 08/04/2018 1335 PST Justification: Cedar Drake will replace the Lead READ who is timing out. He has extensive local knowledge on the development and implementation of suppression repair, especially for lands Thomas Evans (CA-SICC) 0-1423 that fall under the jurisdiction of the USFS and NPS. 08/04/2018 1335 PST Juan Ortiz (WA-PSC) Request O-1423 - RESOURCE ADVISOR (READ) - [CA-SNF-000745] FERGUSON has been filled with Drake, Cedar (WA-PSC) by Juan Ortiz@WA-PSC ROSS. 0-1423 08/04/2018 1529 PST Juan Ortiz (WA-PSC) 0-1423 Called and Spoke with Jack, the Lead READ. Authorized is GPS, tablet computer, portable radio, and camera. 08/04/2018 1838 PST

**Special Instructions & Authorizations** 

**ICP Address** 

### DAY 1, 1900: Ramping Up

Battalion 31 assumes IC3...IC4 goes to OSC

 Crew 7 arrives with Echo in tow, Mt. Bullion 15 minutes behind, two ships doing shuttles

Type 2 IMT has been ordered

### **Extended Attack**

• Type 3 incident

Initial attack capabilities have been exceeded

More fire fighting resources and increased complexity

 Additional Command and General Staff function (Operations) staffed

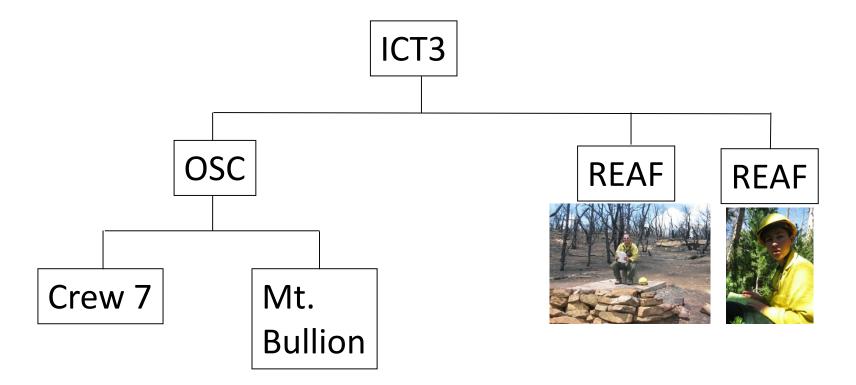
Longer duration?

### DAY 1, 1905: Jun Briefs Echo on Fireline

"Hey, thanks for coming out! We're just not able to catch this thing- there's lots of short pieces of line but don't worry about trying to capture those. Our folks know that we're not going to hold this thing tonight so they're going light. Just look out for arch sites and grab a GPS point on them if you see anything. Here's the map of nests- I've checked the ones I've been able to flag and get lined- anticipate the fire moving out in all directions and get more if you can. I've got Cedar coming tomorrow and we'll get more help." Be safework with Bernie as you move around."

18.TAKING A NAP NEAR THE FIRELINE

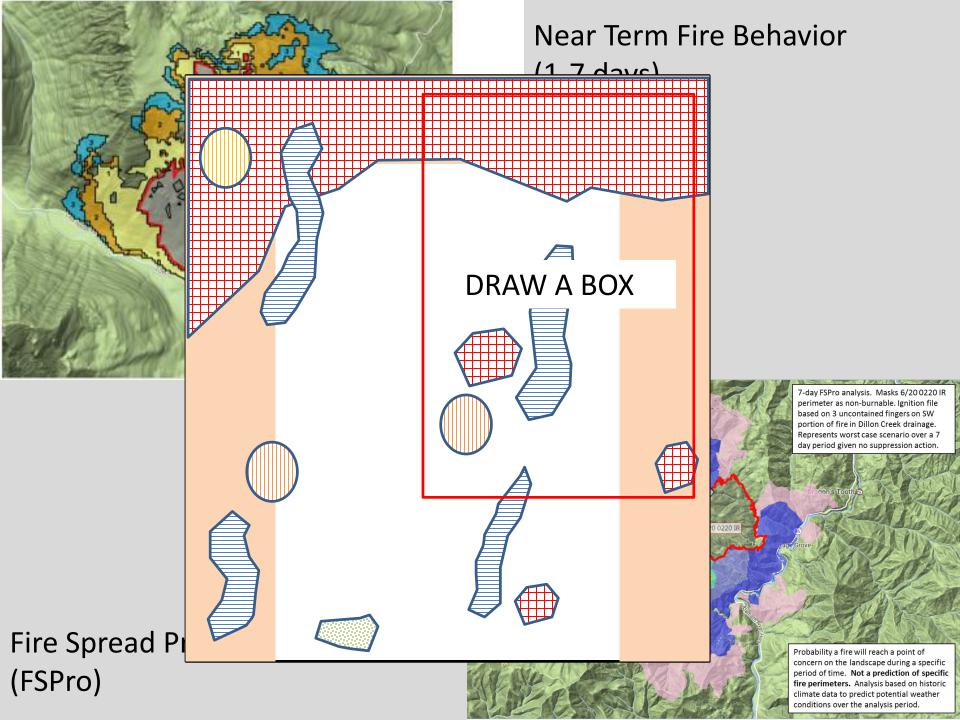
### **Grouse Fire ICS**



# Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS)



- A scalable online decision support tool that helps agency administrators and wildland fire managers make informed decisions for the management of wildfire response
- Key Components:
  - Extensive modelling applications
  - Decision documentation tools
  - Pre-determined strategic objectives and management requirements applied spatially across the landscape



### WFDSS for Resource Advisors

Two areas of input...

- Assessing pre-loaded resource information
  - strategic objectives
  - management requirements
- Loading incident-level information
  - incident requirements
  - management action points (trigger points)

## Objectives and Requirements

### Strategic Objectives

- Broad statements about the desired future conditions of natural and cultural resources
  - derived from land and resource management plans

### Management Requirements

 Technical specifications for management activities and/or potential actions to help achieve strategic objectives

# Objectives and Requirements

• Strategic Objective: "Minimize operational impacts of fire management activities to desert tortoises"

### Management Requirements:

- Assign READ to all wildfires in tortoise habitat
- No off-road vehicle travel
- Remove trash from all operational areas
- No chemical retardant applications in tortoise habitat



# Objectives and Requirements

Fire Management Plan

FMU 1

FMU 2

FMU 3

Area-Wide Considerations

**FMU-Specific Considerations** 

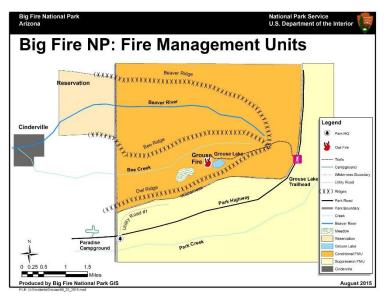
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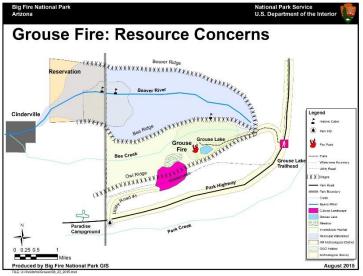


### DAY 1, 2300: Grouse Fire WFDSS Inputs

#### **PRE-LOADED**

- General Strategic Objectives
   & Management
   Requirements
  - Maximize use of wildland fire for resource benefits
  - Prevent degradation of natural and cultural resources due to wildland fire and fire management actions
  - Utilize MIST where appropriate
  - Assign READs for all incidents exceeding one operational period.





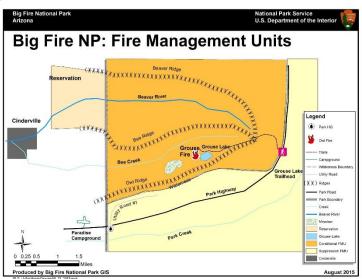
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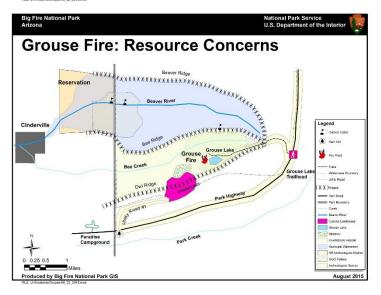
Inputs CONT

#### **PRE-LOADED**

### FMU-Specific Requirements:

- Maximize use of natural ignitions for resource benefits in the Conditional FMU
  - Bee Creek Invertebrates
  - Beaver River Water Quality
  - Owl Habitat
  - Cultural Resources
- Aggressively suppress all unplanned ignitions in the WUI FMU, giving consideration to natural and cultural resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Park Creek aquatic invasives



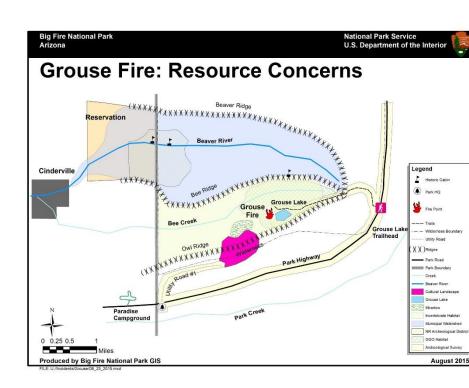


### DAY 1, 2400: Grouse Fire WFDSS Inputs

#### Incident-Specific Requirements

- Protect historic cabin on Bee Ridge using pre-assembled cabin protection kits.
- Protect sensitive Bee Creek invertebrate habitat by avoiding chemical retardant drops, movement of water within and from outside watershed, etc.
- Initiate best management practices to reduce the establishment and spread of noxious weeds
- Avoid overflights and other audible and visual disturbances in proximity to great gray owl nesting sites and habitat in Bee Creek watershed

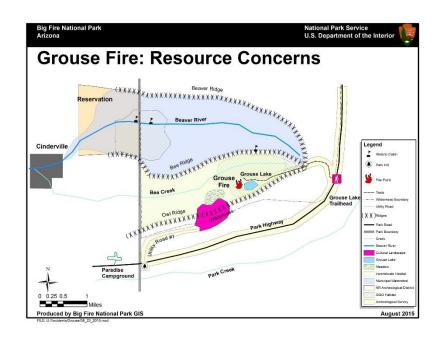
#### **READ-LOADED**



# DAY 1, 2400: Grouse Fire WFDSS Inputs CONT.

#### **PRE-LOADED**

- Incident-Specific Management Action Points
  - Initiate Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) assessment in the event of fire spread into the Beaver River watershed







# DAY 2, 0100: Pulling the Trigger

 Jun calls Cedar...let's order up the REAFs/READs

- Jun contacts park dispatch and provides names of resources and logistical information...Dispatch will place name requests through ROSS
  - Start contacting at 0600...needed at ICP later today
  - All will bring laptops, tablets and/or cell phones;
     vehicle rentals approved

# Delegation of Authority

"A formal document provided to the Incident Commander by the agency executive delegating authority and assigning responsibility. The delegation of authority can include objectives, priorities, expectations, constraints and other considerations or guidelines as needed." NWCG



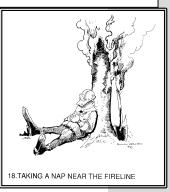
### Delegation of Authority

Strategic objectives provided by the Agency
 Administrator to the IMT for the management of the incident (written and signed)

 Specific enough to convey expectations, broad enough to allow flexibility for contingencies

## Delegation of Authority cont.

- Jurisdictional and protection responsibility for the lands involved in the wildland fire,
- AREP who will represent line officer
- Suppression objectives and priority
- Specific suppression tactics or areas that require AREP/line officer approval
- READ who will represent the AREP/line officer
  - · Cost constraints and guidelines.
  - Property accountability; fire loss/use rate expectations.
  - Incident business advisor and required coordination with the team.
  - Guidelines for media relations and incident information management.
  - Procedures dealing with threats to other jurisdictions and private property.
  - Any local logistical considerations, including procurement and supply procedures.
  - Any other constraints or issues, such as current activities by forest or other agencies, legal requirements, training opportunities, etc.

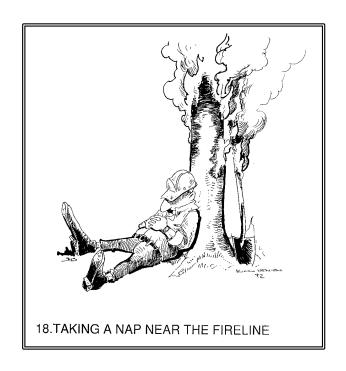


# DAY 2, 0300: Grouse Fire Delegation of Authority

- AREP and lead READ named
- Objectives:
  - Keep fire in the Bee Creek Drainage; away from wildland-urban interface to west and south, municipal watershed to north;
  - use MIST commensurate with wilderness values
- Tactics requiring approval
  - Retardant in Bee Creek drainage
  - Mechanized equipment in wilderness other than helicopters and chainsaws

## DAY 2, 0900

"Wake up Jun; the Team is here!"





# Incident Management Teams



# The Incident Command System & Incident Management Teams



### Large Fire Management

- Type 2 Incident: Most or all of the Command and General Staff positions are activated and filled by members of a standing Type 2 team.
  - Anticipate multiple operational periods
  - Written IAPs
  - Extensive logistical support

 Type 1 Incident: Same as above, but larger and more complex (>1,000 people)

### Incident and Resource Typing

	Wildfire Incidents	Crews	Helicopters	Wildland Engines
Metric	Size & Complexity	Experience & Qualifications	Max. Water Carrying Capacity	Tank Size & Pump Min. Flow Rates
Type 1	mega fires	Hotshots, Rappellers, Smoke Jumpers	700 gallons	
Type 2	major fires	handcrews	300 gallons	-
Type 3	pretty big fires	-	100 gallons	500 gal.(150 gal/min)
Type 4	small fires	-	-	750 gal. (50 gal/min)
Type 5	single tree	-	-	400 gal. (50 gal/min)

### Day 2, 1000: Team Inbriefing

- The local unit presents a status of the fire, issues and concerns (indepth presentation of the Delegation of Authority)
- Critical point for Line
   Officer to outline
   expectations with
   regard to use of
   READs/REAFs, BAER,
   etc.



# Tracking Fires from Afar

National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Friday, December 13, 2019 – 0800 MT National Preparedness Level 1

#### National Fire Activity (December 6 - December 12, 2019)

Initial attack activity:

New large incidents:

Large fires contained:

Uncontained large fires:\*\*\*

Area Command teams committed:

NIMOs committed:

Type 1 IMTs committed:

0

Type 2 IMTs committed:

0

Nationally, there is 0 large fire being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

\*\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Link to Understanding the IMSR.

This report will post every Friday at 0800 Mountain Time unless significant activity occurs.

Twenty-one wildland fire personnel are assigned to support large fires in New South Wales, Australia.

	Active Incident Resource Summary										
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel					
AICC	1	14,907	0	0	1	5					
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0					
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0					
oscc	1	3,126	1	1	0	38					
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0					
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0					
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0					
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0					
EACC	2	1,564	0	3	0	13					
SACC	2	528	0	5	0	10					
Total	6	20,125	1	9	1	66					

#### Southern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 4
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Cave, Los Padres NF, USFS. Eight miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Brush, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Siz	te	96	Ctn/	Est	Personnel		Resources			Stro		Origin	
l	incident Name	Onic	Acres	Chge	79	Comp	Est	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
	Cave	CA-LPF	3,126	0	90	Ctn	UNK	38	-14	1	1	0	0	3.6M	FS

#### Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 218
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Siz	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Pers	onnel	Ri	esource	15	Strc		Origin
incident Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	Est	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
* Morewood	OK-OKS	432	***	100	Ctn	***	4	***	0	2	0	0	14K	ST
Highway 50	OK-OKS	764	0	100	Ctn	****	4	0	0	2	0	1	16K	ST
Matthews	TX-TXS	950	450	100	Ctn	****	1	-28	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
One Horse	OK-ANA	426	-3	100	Ctn		1	-40	0	0	0	0	15K	BIA

OKS - Oklahoma DOF TXS - Texas A&M Forest Service ANA - Anadarko Agency, BIA

#### Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: New large incidents: Uncontained large fires:

I	Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze		% Ctn/				Pers	onnel	Ri	esource		Stro		Origin
I	modern rume	Oilli	Acres	Chge	76	Comp	Est	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own		
I	Dry Hollow	WV-MOF	1,289	0	100	Ctn	***	3	-9	0	1	0	0	350K	FS		

MOF - Monongahela NF, USFS

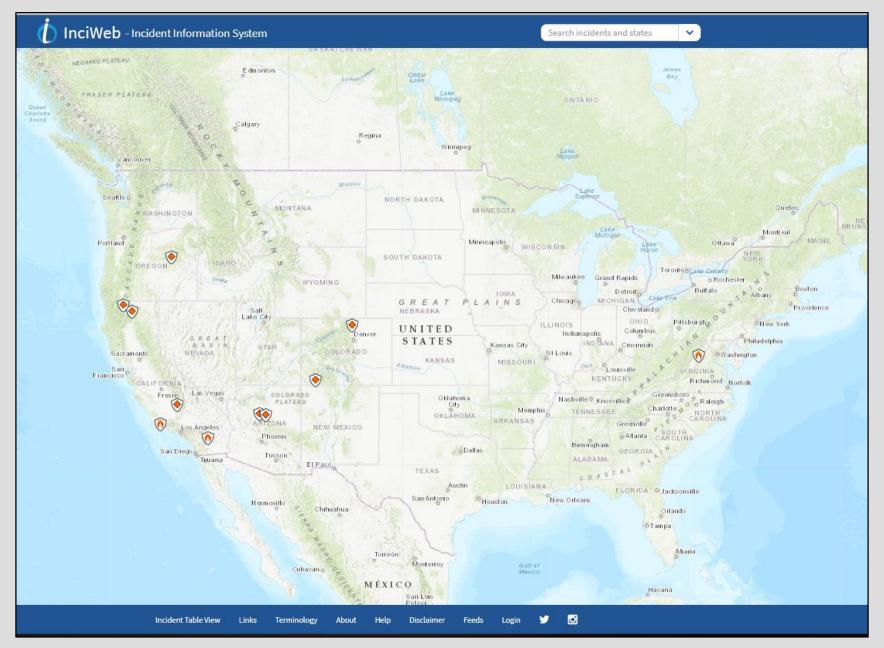
#### Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires:
New large incidents:
Uncontained large fires:

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	86	Ctn/	Est	Pers	onnel		esource		Stro		Origin
modern reams	Oill	Acres	Chge		Comp		Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
* Aspen Butte	AZ-FTA	210		100	Ctn	***	0	***	0	0	0	0	150K	BIA

FTA - Fort Apache Agency, BIA

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#### InciWeb - Incident Information System

#### Table of Incidents - Alternative Accessibility Friendly Map View

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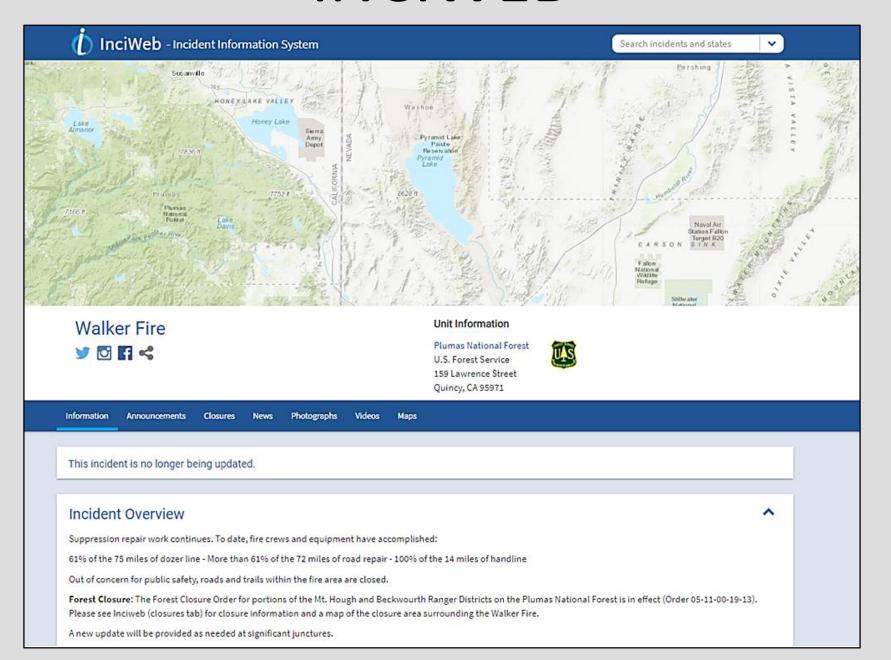
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Klamath NF Fall RX Burning	Prescribed Fire	California, USA	0 Acres	13 hrs. ago
Slash Pile Burning 2019-2020	Prescribed Fire	Colorado, USA	0 Acres	2 days ago
Shasta-Trinity Prescribed Fires 2019-20	Prescribed Fire	California, USA	0 Acres	2 days ago
Cave Fire	Wildfire	California, USA	3126 Acres	2 days ago
2019 Fall & Rx Burns for Flagstaff Dist.	Prescribed Fire	Arizona, USA	0 Acres	3 days ago
San Juan NF Prescribed Fire Program	Prescribed Fire	Colorado, USA	0 Acres	12/11/2019
Martinez 3 Fire	Wildfire	California, USA	52 Acres	12/10/2019
Kaibab NF South Zone Rx Fire	Prescribed Fire	Arizona, USA	300 Acres	12/3/2019
Kennedy Peak Fire	Wildfire	Virginia, USA	745 Acres	11/26/2019
2019 Malheur NF Prescribed Fire	Prescribed Fire	Oregon, USA	0 Acres	11/13/2019



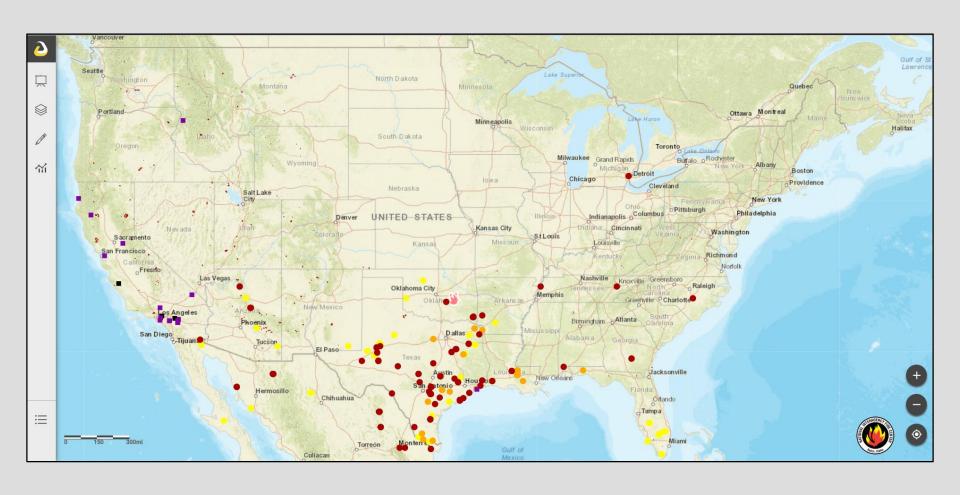
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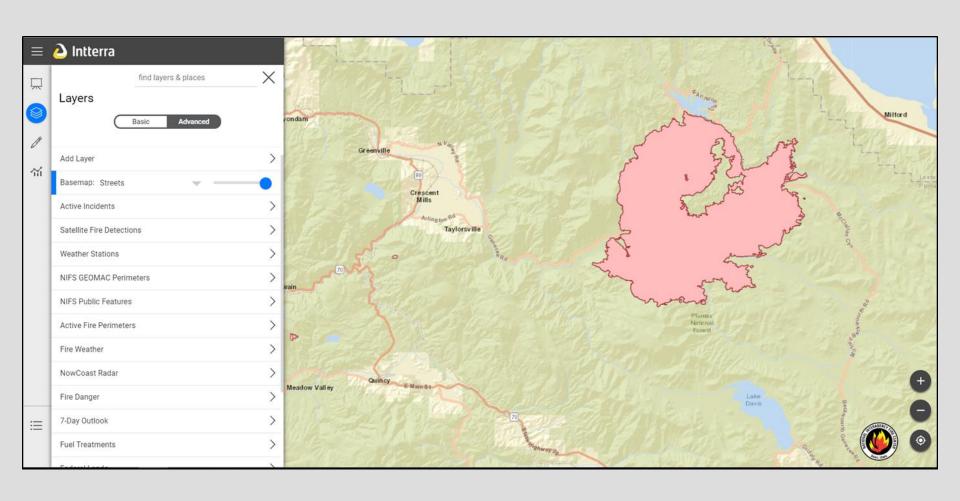
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## NIFC NATIONAL FIRE SITUATION MAP



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### NIFC FTP SERVER

#### NIFC FTP Server Information

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Many people have access to shared folders, so please retain copies of anything you post.

Data backups are not performed on the NIFC FTP Server.

#### Public Access Folders:

- Incident Specific Data
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- Predictive Services Information
- National BAER Information



#### Index of /public/incident specific data

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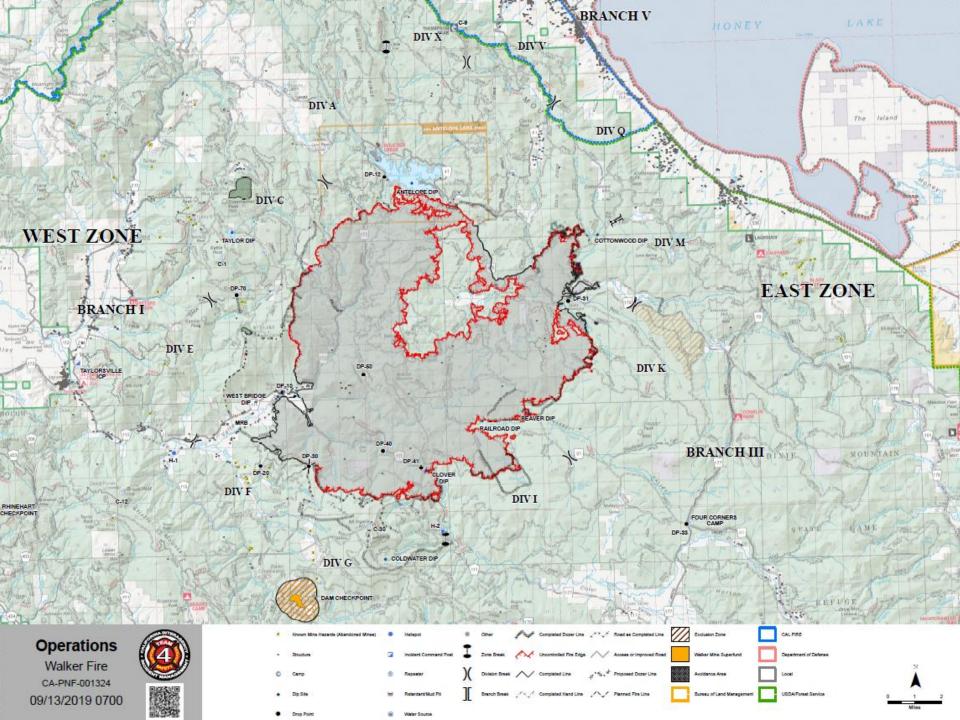
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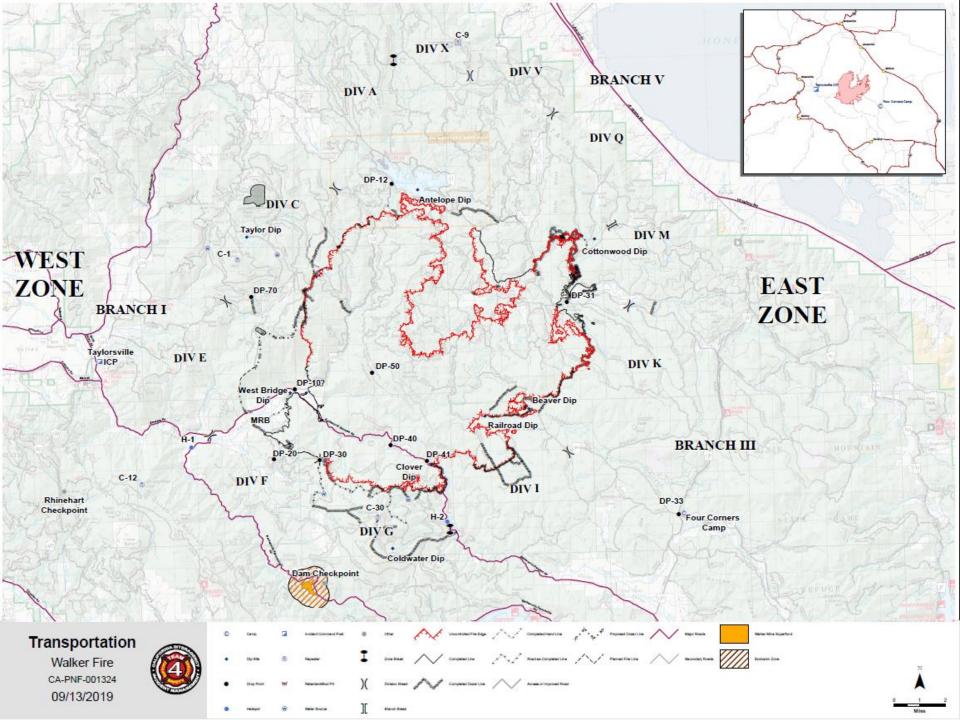
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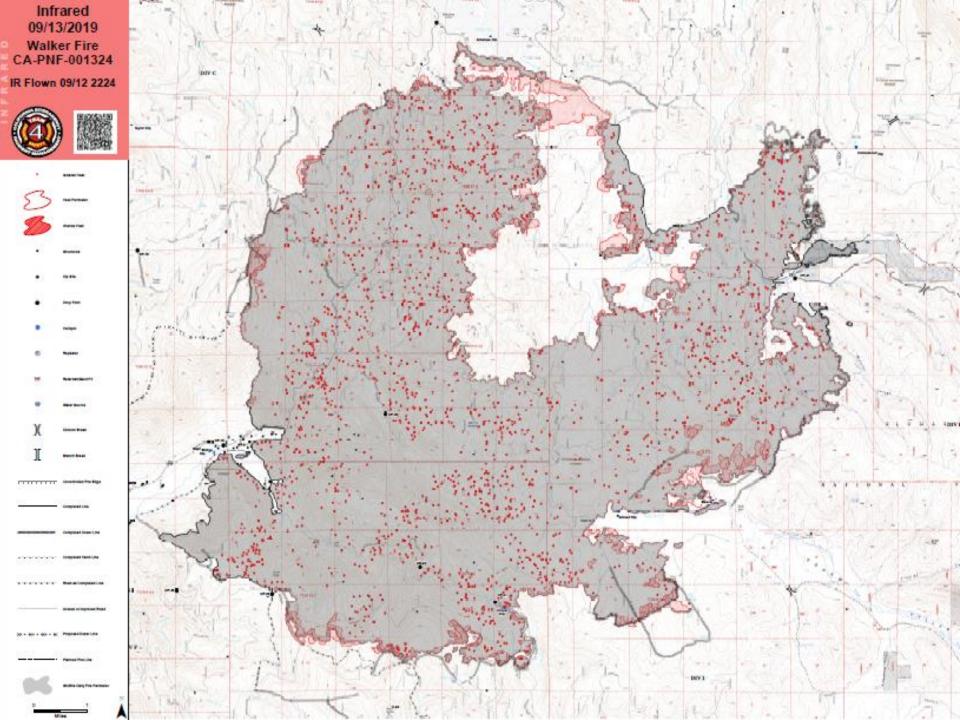
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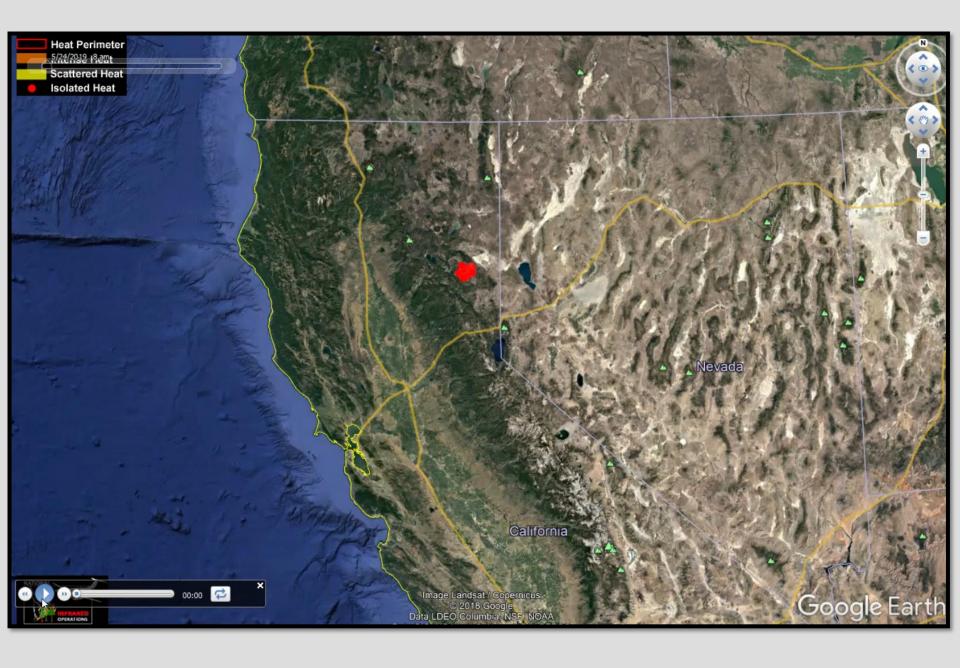
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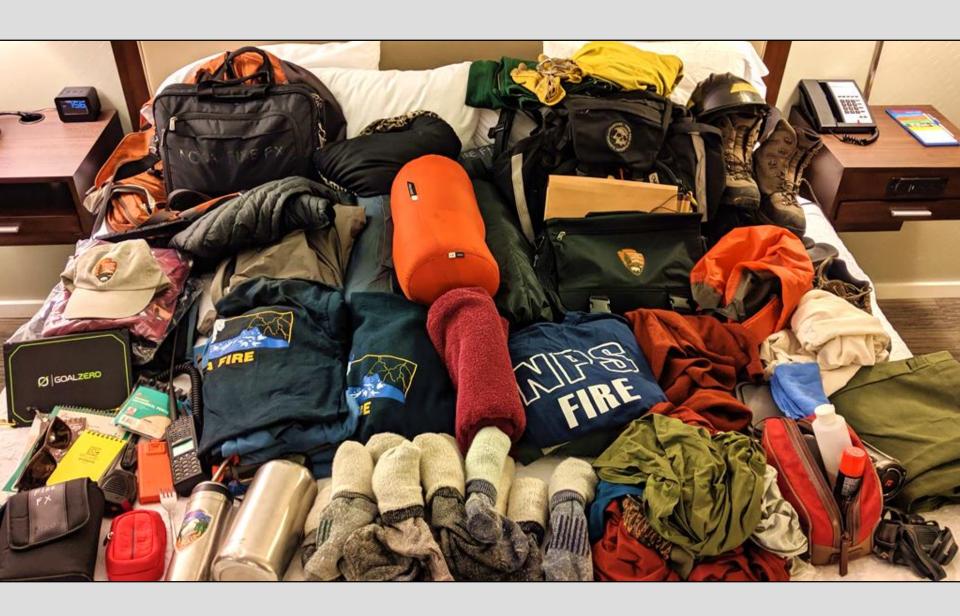


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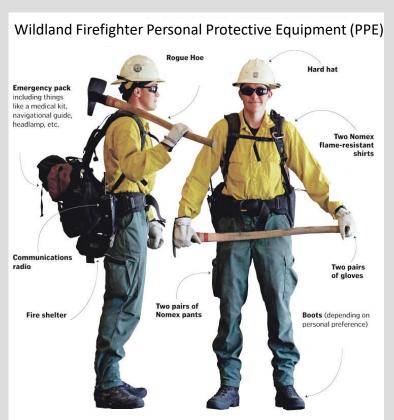


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## Fire Gear





#### **Personal Gear**

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pillow
sleeping bag
sleeping pad
tent
nametag
business cards
chapstick
sunscreen
non-fire clothes

### **READ Gear**

Resource Order
Red Card
laptop computer
PIV card
passwords
tablet computer
phone
charging cables
cigarette lighter
USB ports

WiFi Hotspot Ethernet cable thumb drive digital READ resources camera with batteries & charger portable radio clamshell **IRPG** GPS unit and cable binos notebook pens and pencils Sharpee markers CTR book **READ** contact list compass watch

knife

cash





# Travelling to the Incident



### Interagency Incident Driving Policy 2019 Red Book

- 10 hours "behind the wheel" per duty day
- 16 hours of driving per day if multiple drivers
- Driver needs 8 consecutive hours of rest before beginning shift...typically 2200 -0600
- 2:1 work/rest ratio required

### National Emergency Response Vehicles (NERV)

- Requested through local dispatch center
- NERV should be authorized on resource orders
- Transferrable between assignments and individuals (up to 120 days)
- May be driven anywhere within the US and Canada and dropped off at any Enterprise location
- Renters should NOT ever be asked to give a credit card for a NERV rental...covered by incident finance account (P-Code)
- ½ ton pickup (min.) if driving off paved roads
- Applies to NPS, USFS, BLM, FWS...

#### NEW in 2019!!!





## DAY 2, 1100: Cedar Arrives at the Fire...



# "Man, am I glad to see you!"



# Incident Command Post (ICP)







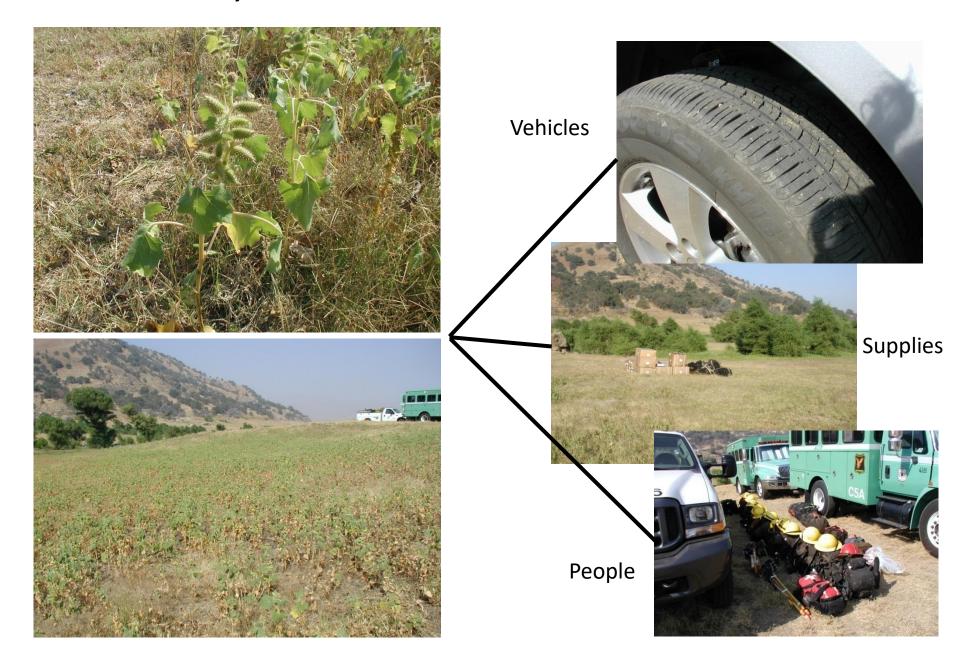


#### **ICPs**

- Frequently established outside of land management units...schools, campgrounds, fairgrounds, ranches
- Good for reducing some impacts...noise, traffic, ground disturbance
- But can result in resource concerns...



# DAY 2, 1115: Grouse Fire ICP...Weeds



# DAY 2, 1120: Check-In

Proceed to check-in...get Jun an "O-Number"



## DAY 2, 1130: Cedar briefing from Jun

Status to date...

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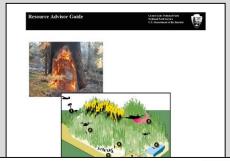
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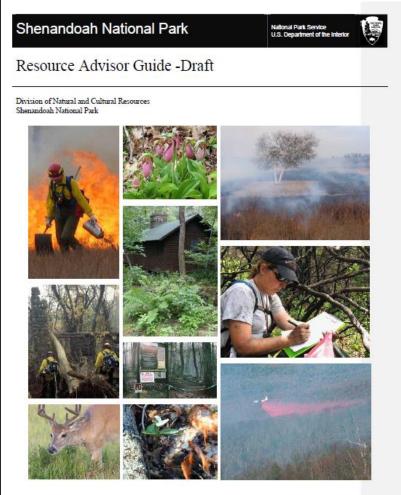


### **READ Guides**

Distill resource-related issues from FMP into a condensed, easily-used document

- Fire regimes
- Standard approaches for fire management activities
- Resource-specific issues for fire management activities
- Maps
- Sensitive species lists
- Forms







### DESERT TORTOISE & WILDLAND FIRE

#### **DESERT TORTOISES ARE PROTECTED**

- Desert tortoises (Gopherus agassizzi) are listed under the Endangered Species Act as a "threatened species".
- They are protected against any form of "take" "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect or attempt to engage in any such conduct."

#### **TORTOISE FACTS**

- They occur throughout the Mojave Desert. The best habitats are at elevations below 3500' but tortoises can be and have been found outside of that range (park biologists have observed several above 4400').
- Tortoises are slow growing creatures that range from the size of a silver dollar when they hatch to over 12" long later on in life. They have been known to live about 80 years in the wild.







This tortoise (est. 50 yrs) died a while before this photo was taken. Due to exposure to the elements some of the scutes have come off, revealing the bone shell underneath.

- Desert tortoises are vegetarians and rely heavily on native shrubs and grasses for both nutrition and water.
- They are well-adapted to the extremes of the desert and can withstand ground temperatures as high as 140° F.
- Tortoises excavate and occupy burrows to escape cold & hot weather. They will also utilize shade from boulders, vegetation and even vehicles.

Points to touch on when talking with the crews at morning and evening briefings.

Keep statements short and to the point. You don't have to hit on all of these points at every briefing.

#### Safety

 The Santa Monica Mountains are a dangerous fire-fighting landscape with steep slopes and canyons, erratic winds, and extreme fire behavior. There are many homes scattered throughout a wildland matrix with narrow roads and poor access. Communications may be limited in some canyons. Always know where you are and have an escape plan. Be prepared for wind shifts.

#### MIST

Mediterranean ecosystems are exceptionally diverse in plant and animal species but they are easily
degraded when soil is exposed and shrub cover is removed – please use a light touch when mopping-up
and minimize impact to the area. Please refer to MIST guidelines in the IAP.

### Archeology

- This park is dense with archeological sites. If you believe you've happened to find something that may be
  an historic or prehistoric artifact please take a GPS point and get that to the READ.
- Archeological sites and locations are confidential so please handle discretely. Artifacts are to be left where
  they are seen, context is everything for archeology and they are not souvenirs!

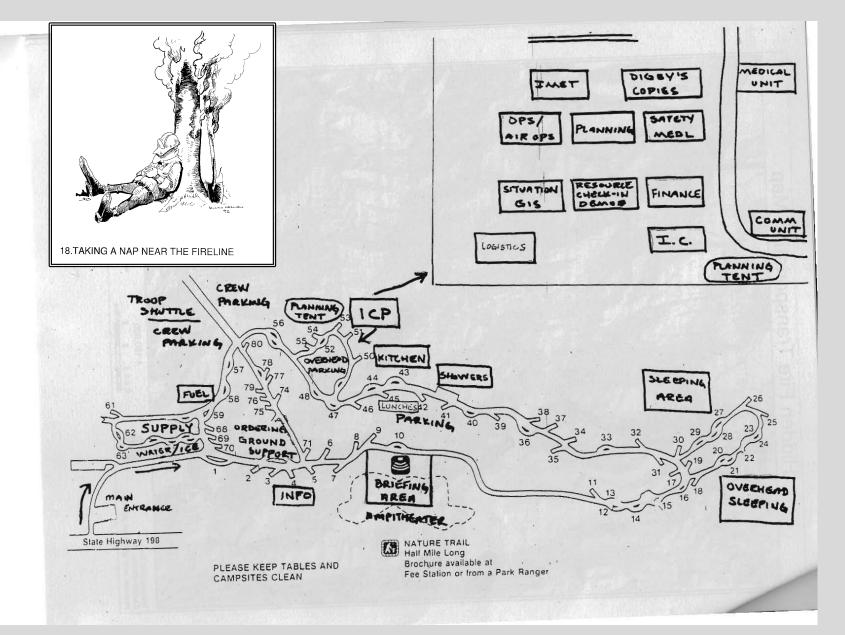
#### Wildlife

- Steelhead Trout and Red-Legged Frogs are federally listed species that occur in SAMO in some of the streams. Critical habitat for these endangered species is shown on the Retardant Avoidance Map. Any work, and fire retardant, should avoid these habitat areas. Whenever possible it is always good practice to avoid disturbance in stream corridors.
- Animals will flee, shelter in refugia, or be killed by the fire so there is a good chance you may encounter them on the fireline.
- Be aware of wildlife and drive carefully. This will help minimize hitting or killing animals that may be on the roads, especially at dawn and dusk. Watch for reptiles basking on or crossing roads during the middle of the day, and for amphibians during rain events.
- There are rattlesnakes at SAMO. Watch your step while hiking in all vegetation types, particularly along stream banks and around rocks and the edges of shrubs. Look before placing your hands under any rocks or trees to move them. If you see a rattlesnake, just let it be. They are generally afraid of humans, but may strike if stepped on or threatened.

#### Weeds/Other Invasives

- Please visually inspect your boots, socks, clothing, tools, equipment and personal belongings for seeds
  and soil before heading out on the fireline or before you return to your home base. This will help us keep
  invasive plants from spreading within the park or moving outside to other areas.
- The New Zealand mudsnall is in some of our streams. Do not transfer mudsnails from an infected stream to another stream. You can avoid this most easily by staying out of the water. If you happen to get any gear wet in an infected stream, the only way to avoid moving the mudsnails, which are tiny and very hard to see, is by killing them through completely drying or freezing any gear that got wet for a minimum of 36 hours.

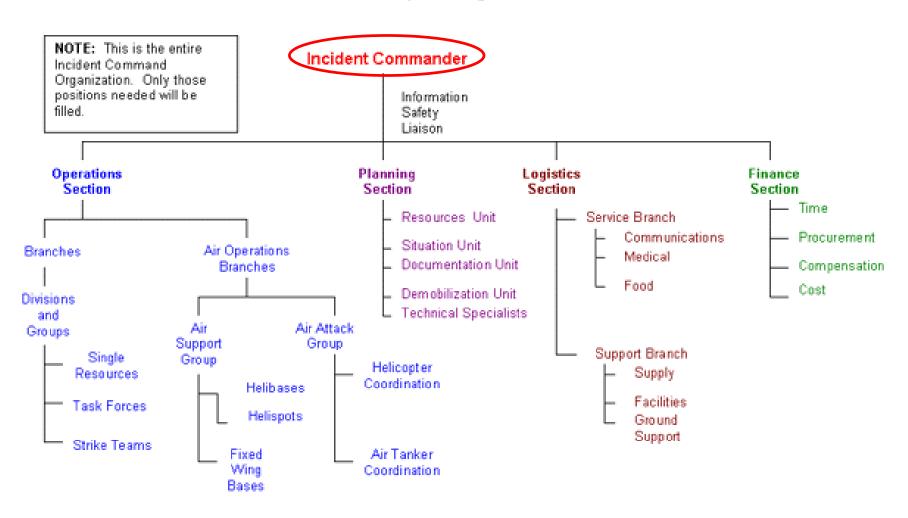
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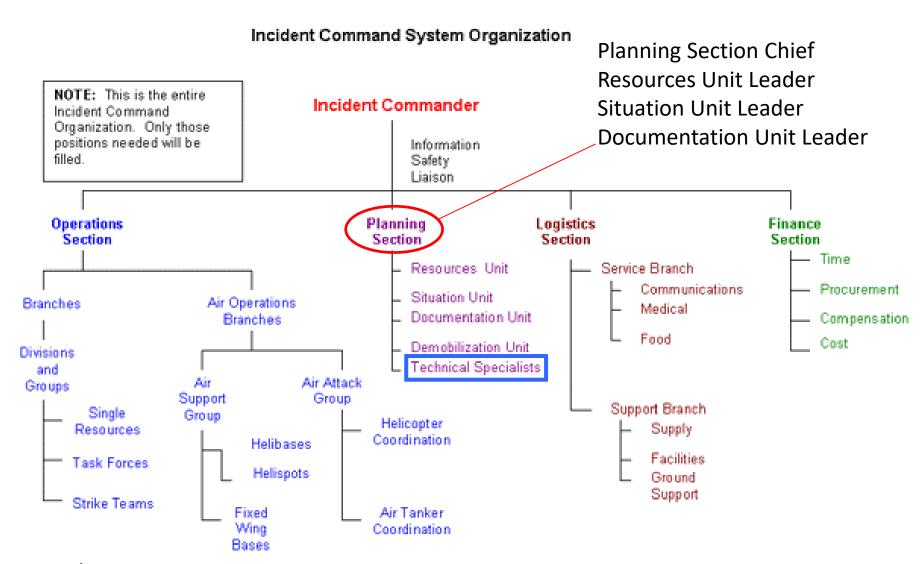




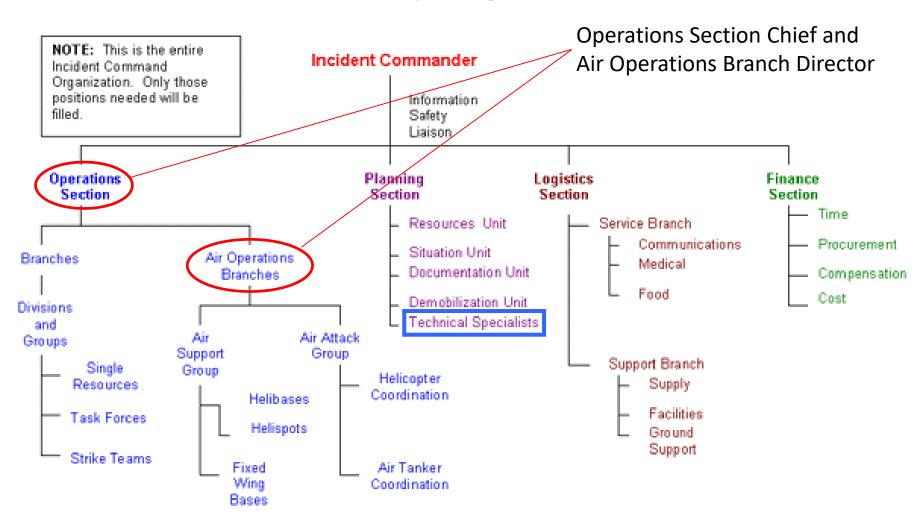


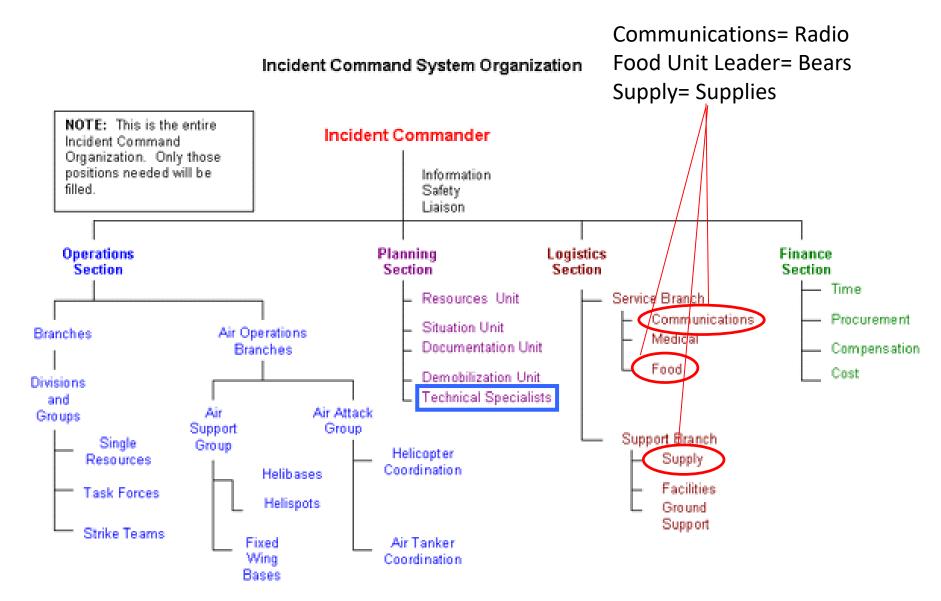
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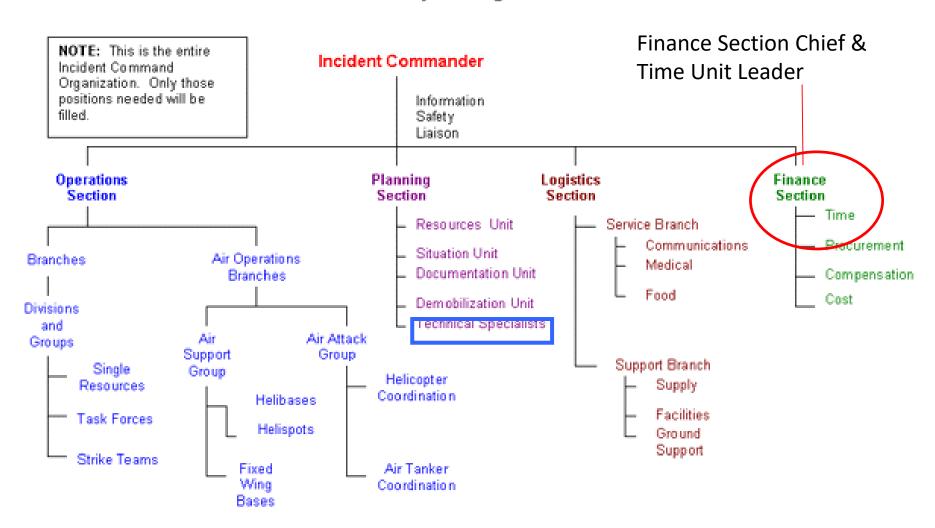


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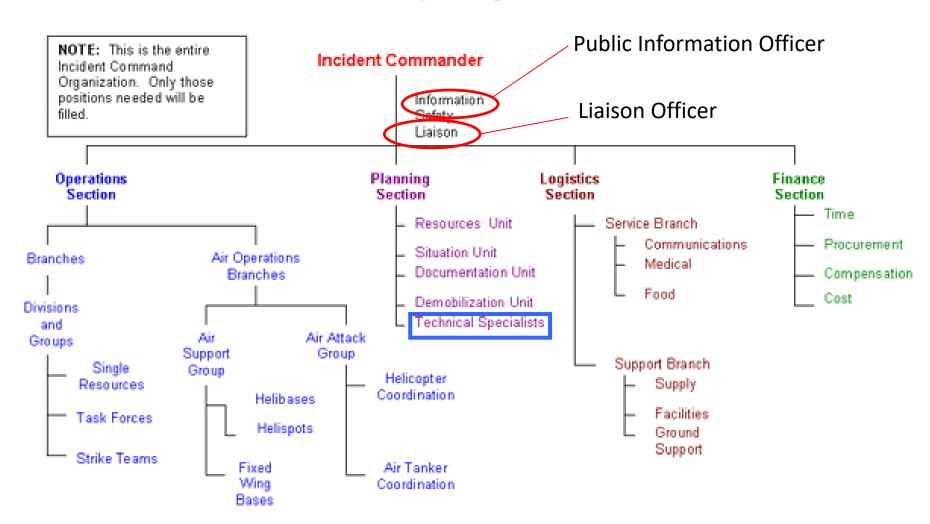




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I am splitting my time between the ICP and Fire Management Office. I have no cell coverage at either locations, but do at various points in between (including my sleeping area). Try to contact me in the following ways:

**Cell Phone** = 360.567.8901

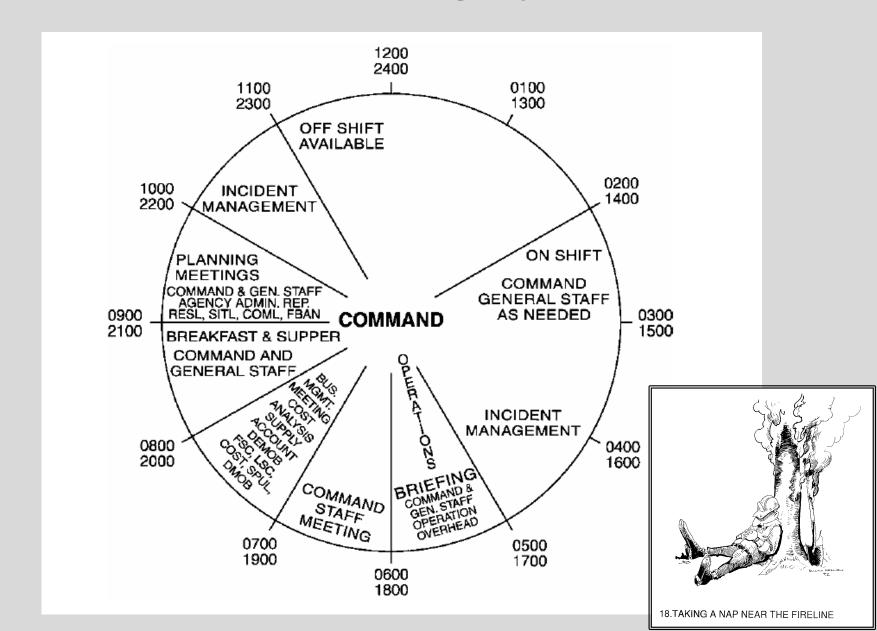
**Fire Dispatch** = 557.655.3456 (ask for Cedar)

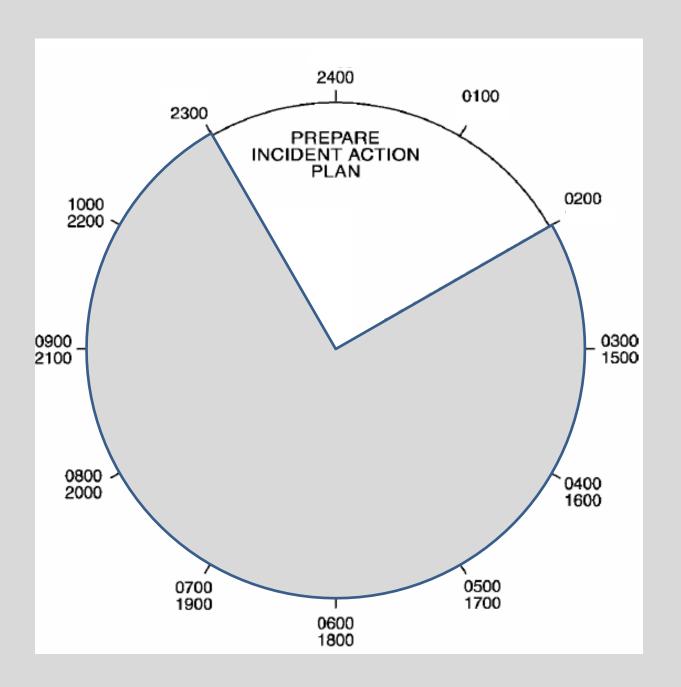
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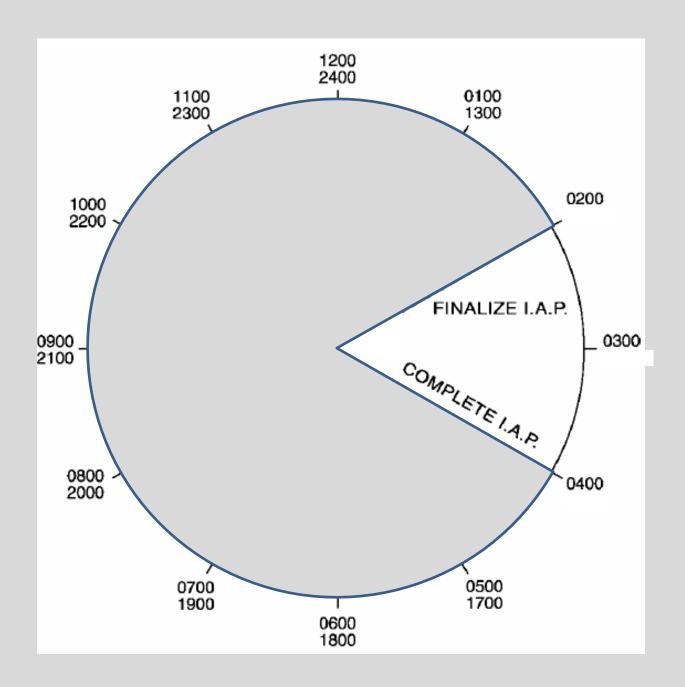
**Radio** = "Resource Advisor Drake"

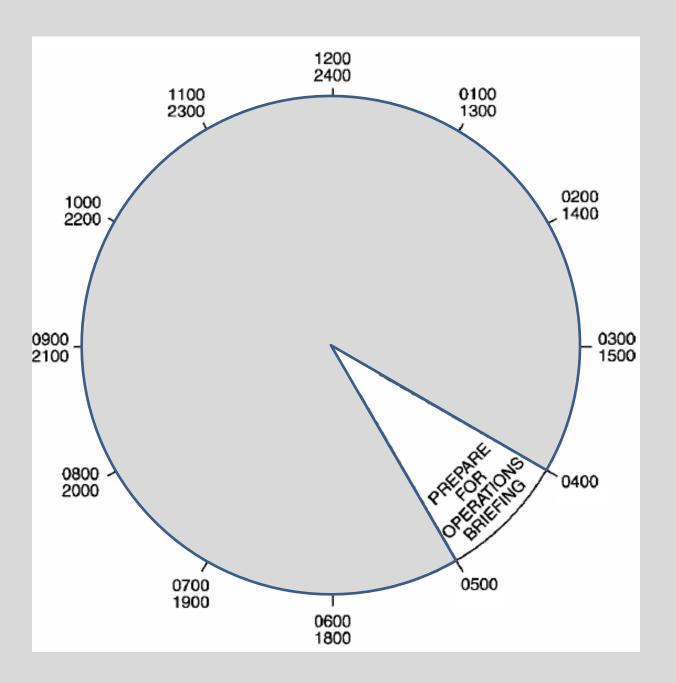


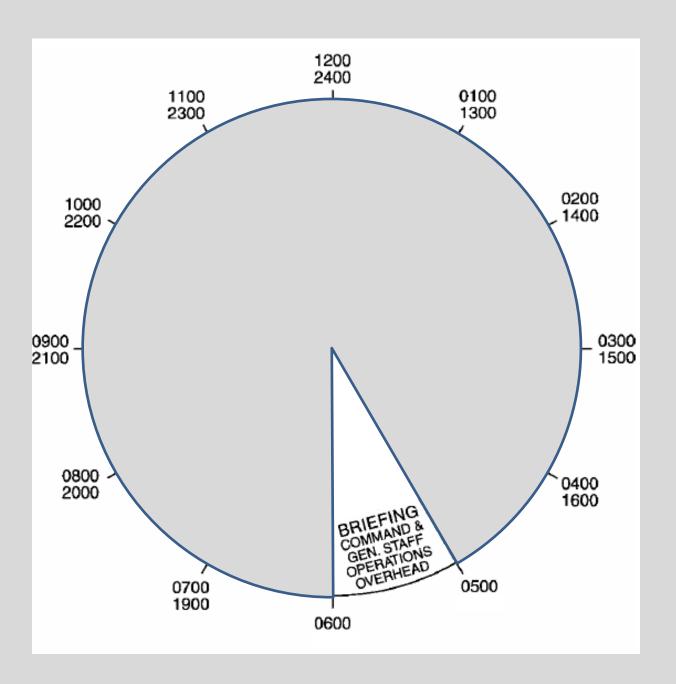
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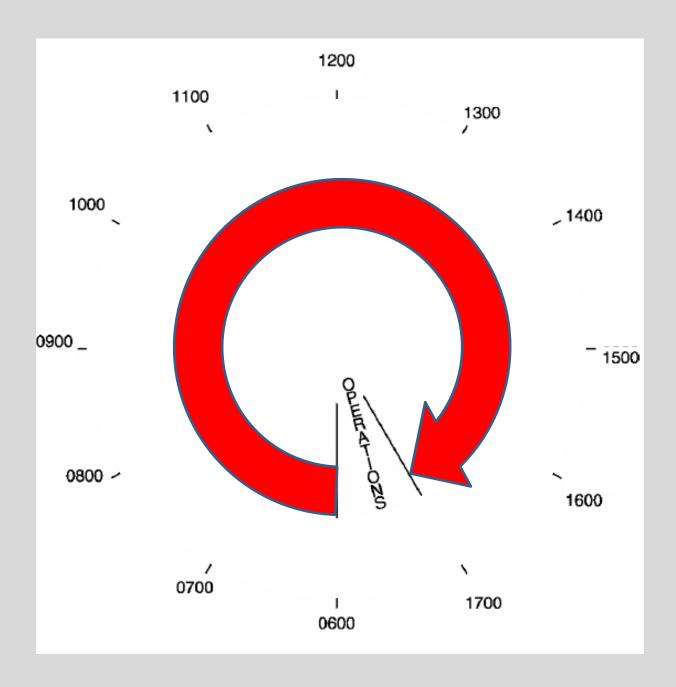


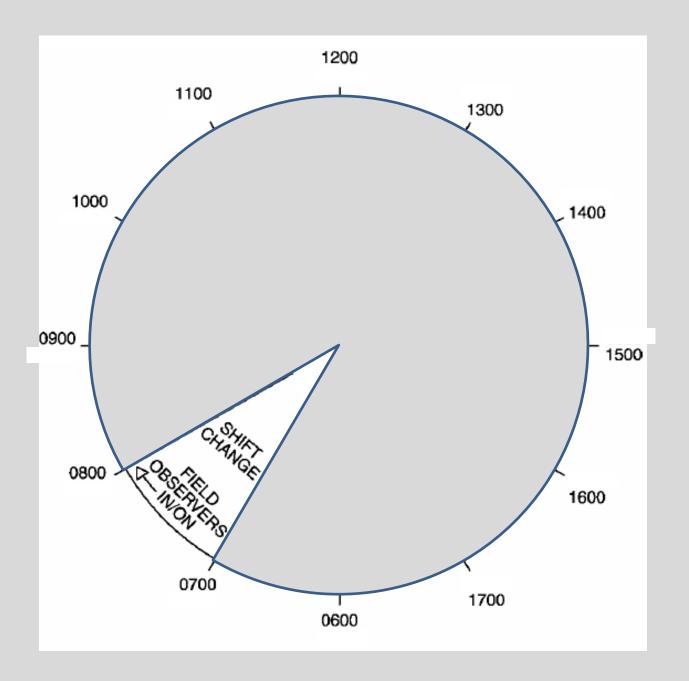


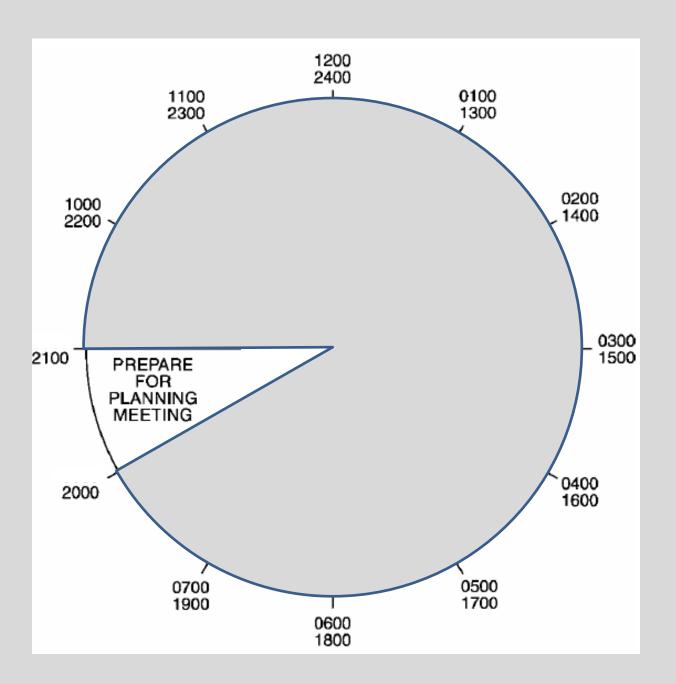


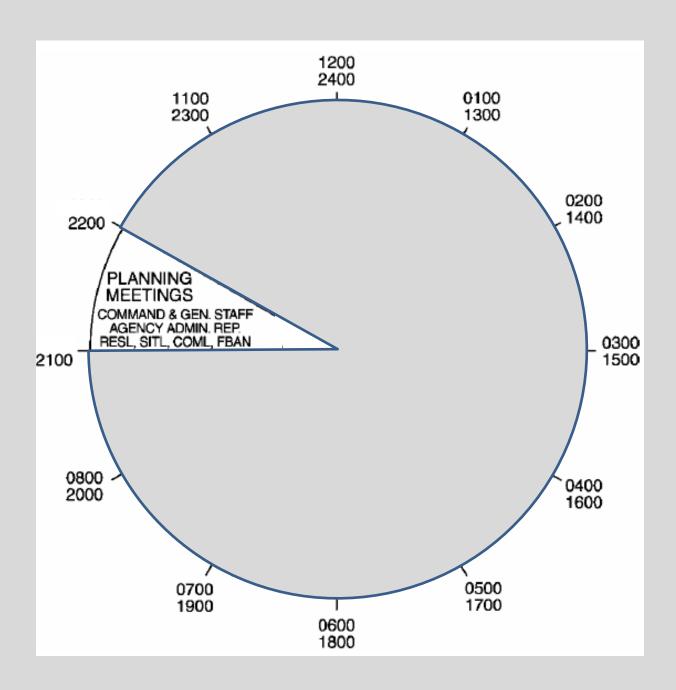


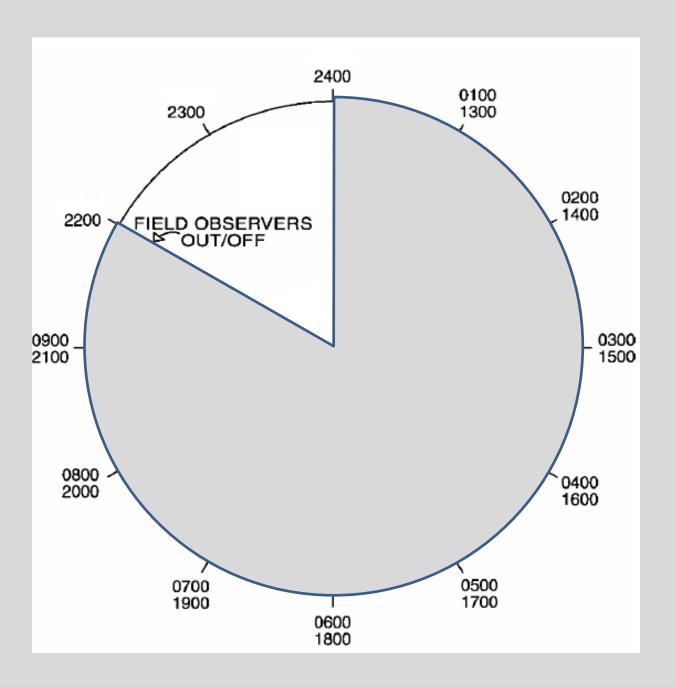


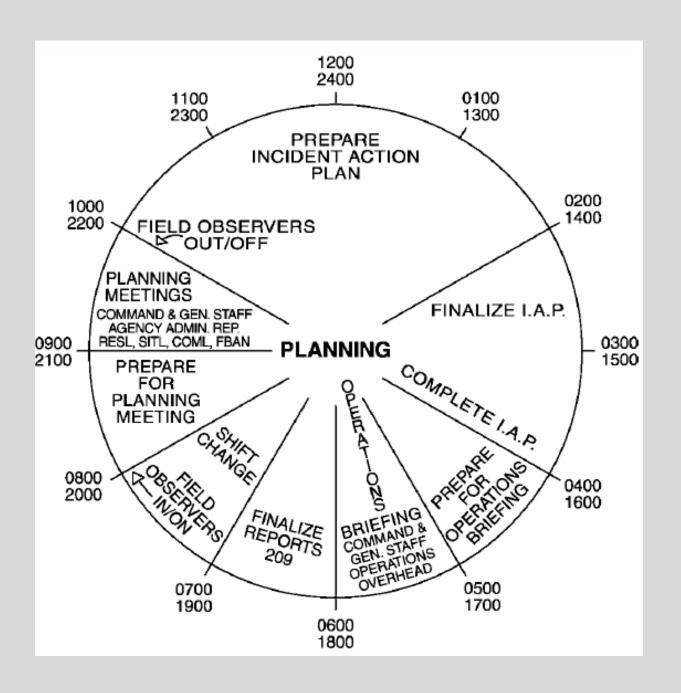




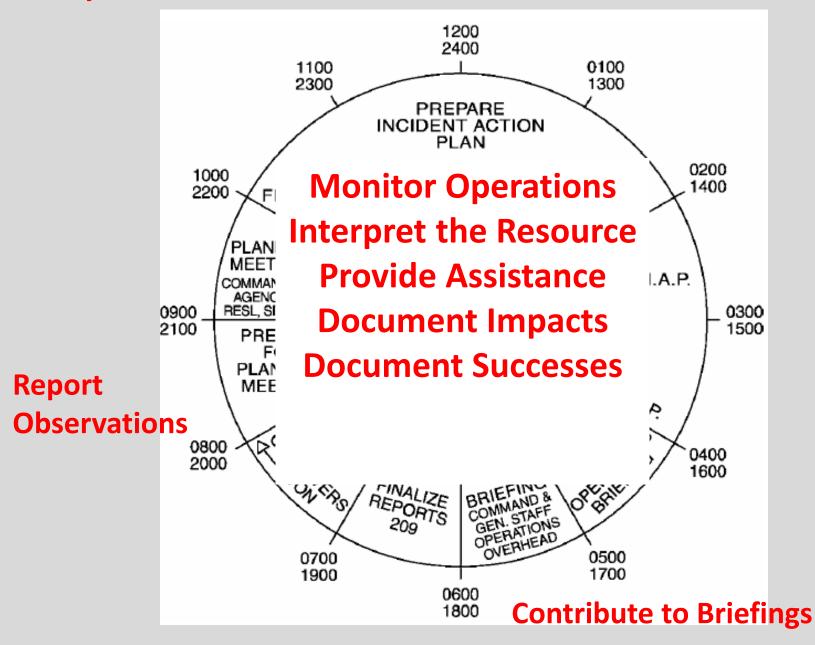






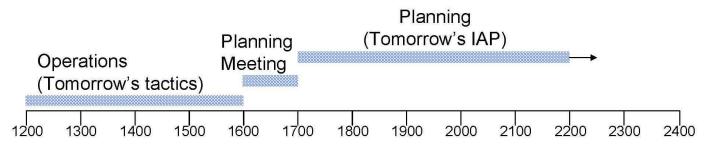


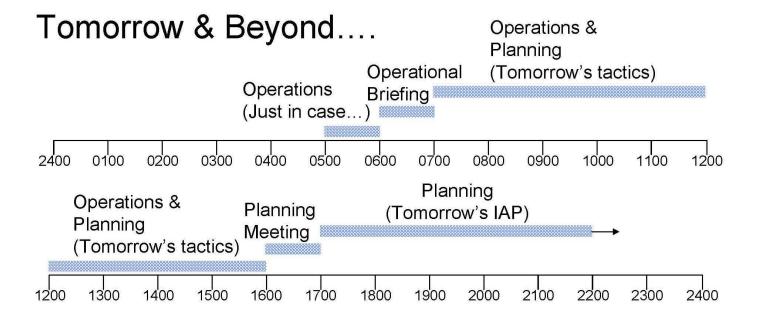
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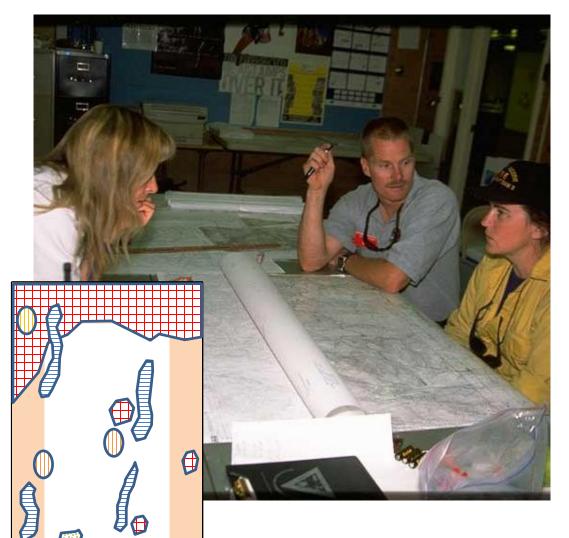
# DAY 2, 1230: Grouse Fire Planning "Cycle"

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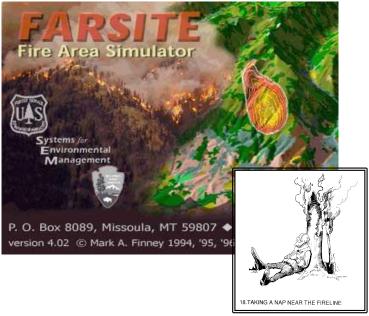




# DAY 2, 1200 to 1600: Tomorrow's Tactics (aka Pre-Planning Meeting)





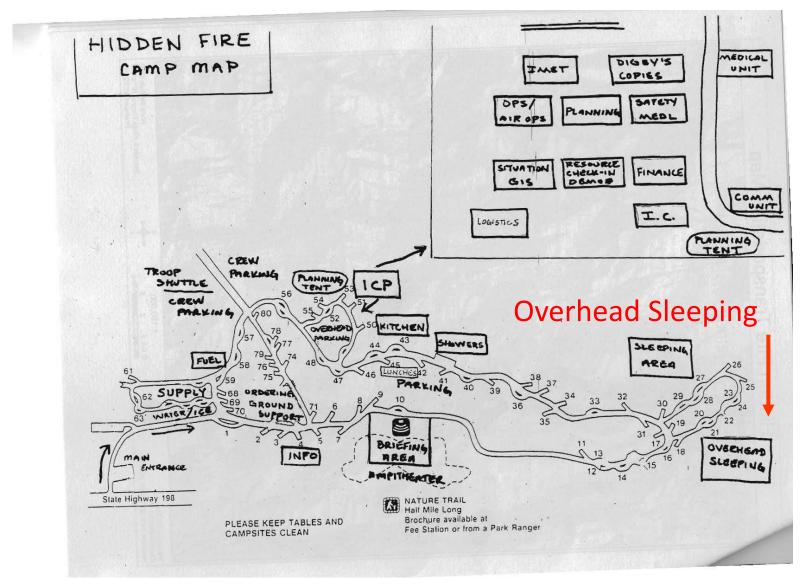


# DAY 2, 1200 to 1600: Tomorrow's Tactics, READ Input

- Don't speak unless spoken to...fly on the wall. Interject when called upon and/or windows of opportunity
- OPS talks about the difficulty of holding the fire on the NW corner of the box (ridge between Bee Creek and Beaver River)...steep, lots of fuel, dangerous for crews
  - Q: Can we use fire retardant?
  - A: Yes, but has to be on the crest of the ridge or on the Beaver River side
- IC stops by...he and OPS are clearly apprehensive about this situation. AREP and Cedar note this as a potential emerging problem

# DAY 2, 1400: Cedar & Incoming READs

Get outfitted: radios, sleeping area, etc.





# DAY 2, 1600: Planning Meeting

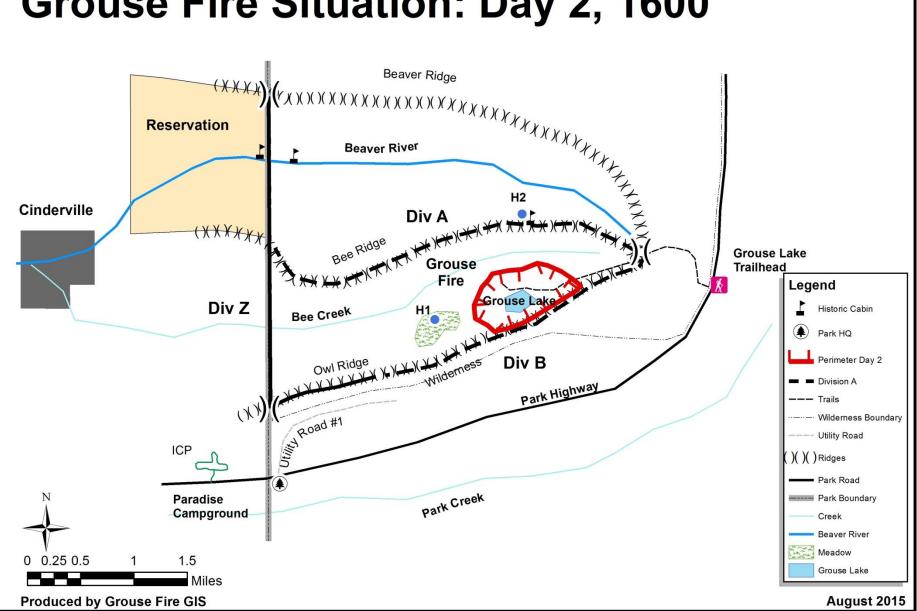


# 1600 Planning Meeting cont.

- Attendees: Command & General Staff, RESL, SITL, COML, AOBD, AREP, READ
- Update on current conditions
- Objectives, strategies and tactics for next operational period unveiled
- Deadline for IAP submissions
- "Do you support the plan?"

# **National Park Service**

## **Grouse Fire Situation: Day 2, 1600**



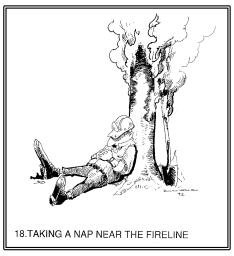
## 1600 Planning Meeting cont.

- READ input for Grouse Fire:
  - Introduce myself, availability, contact information
  - We will have 10 Resource Advisors on this fire, including me; seven REAFs on the line and three READs at the ICP. Two Line REAFs on each Division & Jun Kinoshita will serve as the lead REAF.
  - Indicate I have been meeting with OPS to address resource issues; still need to meet with FDUL to discuss food storage needs.
  - What can we do for you?
  - We support the plan!

## DAY 2, 1700: Convene REAFs

- Brief REAFs on objectives, strategies and tactics for tomorrow's operational period
  - Obtain incident map from Situation Unit
- Go over protocols, reporting, logistics, etc.
- REAF share resource issues, operational updates, and concerns
- Problem-solving
- Safety concerns
- Tomorrows assignments



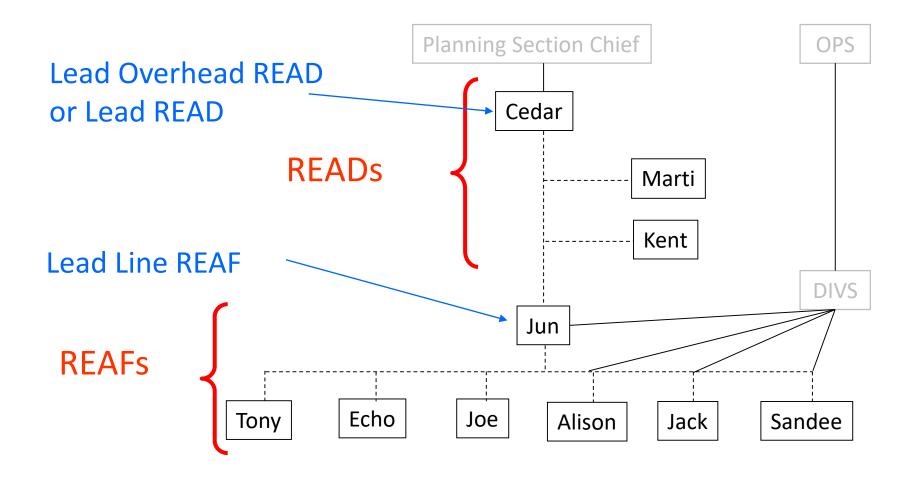




Death by a thousand snacks



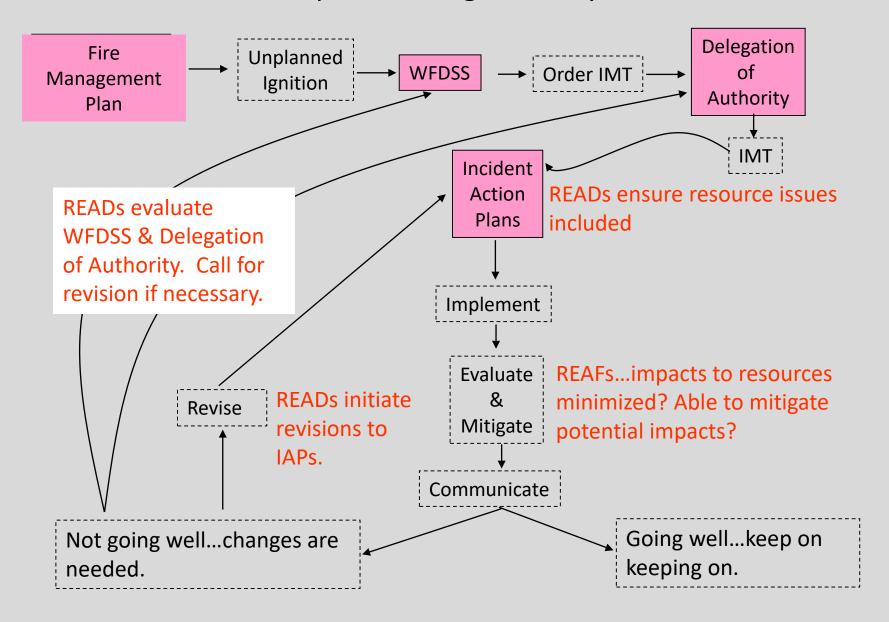
# DAY 2, 1730: READ Organization



----- Lines of communication

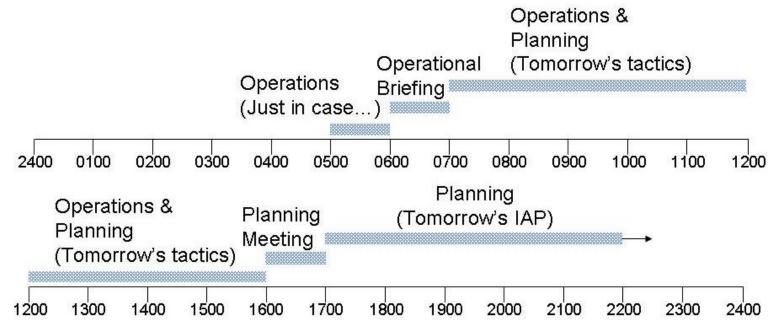
Lines of supervision

#### **READ Adaptive Management Cycle**



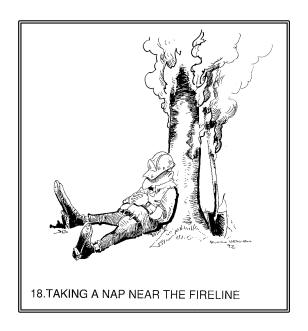
### DAY 2, 1800: READ Assignments

- Cedar–Lead READ
  - Meetings
  - Briefings
  - Planning



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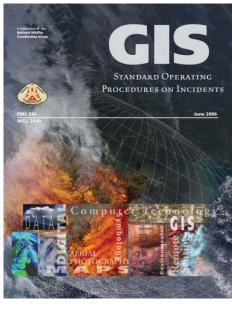
- Marti- Deputy READ
  - Documentation...archiving, To-Do Lists.
  - Research for resource advising, suppression damage repair, BAER, BAR, etc.
  - Covering for Cedar

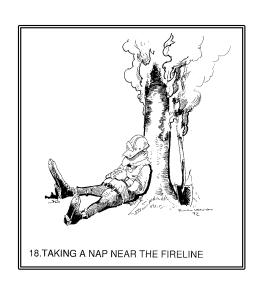




#### DAY 2, 1800: READ Assignments cont.







- Kent-GISS
  - Acquiring, managing and producing spatial data/products for natural and cultural resource maps, suppression damage repair, BAER, BAR, etc.
  - Works closely with IMT's Geographic Information System Specialists (GISS)
  - May do some fireline work as well...data acquisition

# DAY 2, 1800: REAF Assignments

- Assigned by divisions
- Need-based...put subject-matter experts in appropriate locations
- Promote ownership
  - Know the ground
  - Know the issues
  - Know the people
- Pair-up for safety and increased effectiveness



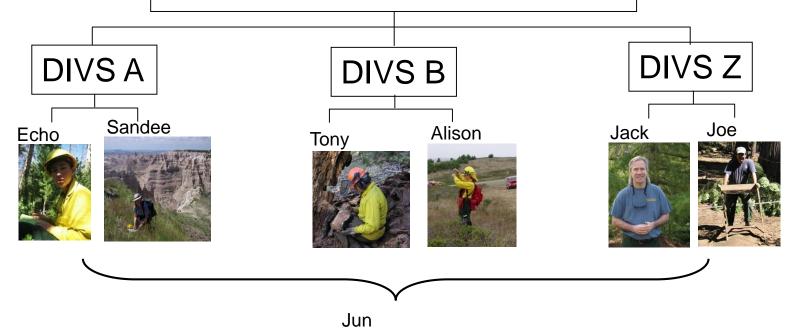
## DAY 2, 1800: REAF Assignments cont.



#### Jun

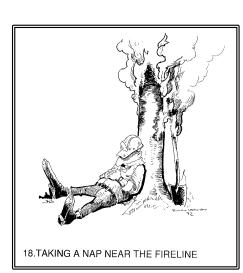
- Floating between Divisions
- Trouble-shooter, mediator, counselor, etc.
- Point of contact for Cedar to/from REAFs & DIVS

#### **OPERATIONS SECTION CHIEF**





"The Floater"



## DAY 2, 1800: REAF Assignments

MIST and proper food storage on all

DIV A= Initiate cabin protection measures; sensitive watershed; owl habitat; weeds

DIV B= Minimize impacts to vegetation in cultural landscape; sensitive watershed; owl habitat; weeds

DIV Z= Archeological and Tribal values in Beaver River watershed to the north; sensitive watershed; weeds

# DAY 2, 1900: REAF Evening Tasks

- Dinner
- Ready line and camping gear
- Final coordination for tomorrow
- BS-ing
- As much sleep as possible



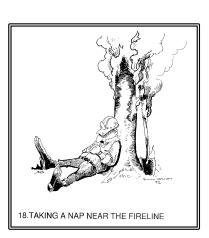


### DAY 2, 1900: Cedar's To-Do List

- Additions to IAP...2000 deadline
- Meet up with Food Unit Leader re: bears
- ICP weed issues
- Checklist for tomorrow's briefing
- Consultation/compliance...cultural resources
- Call Rich

#### DAY 2, 1905: IAP Additions

- Special instructions by Division
  - MIST and proper food storage on all
  - No retardant drops in critical areas
  - DIV A= Initiate cabin protection measures
  - DIV B= Cultural landscape
  - DIV Z= Sensitive cultural sites
- REAF assignments (ICS-215 form)



# IAP Additions cont.

#### Division Assignments (ICS-215)

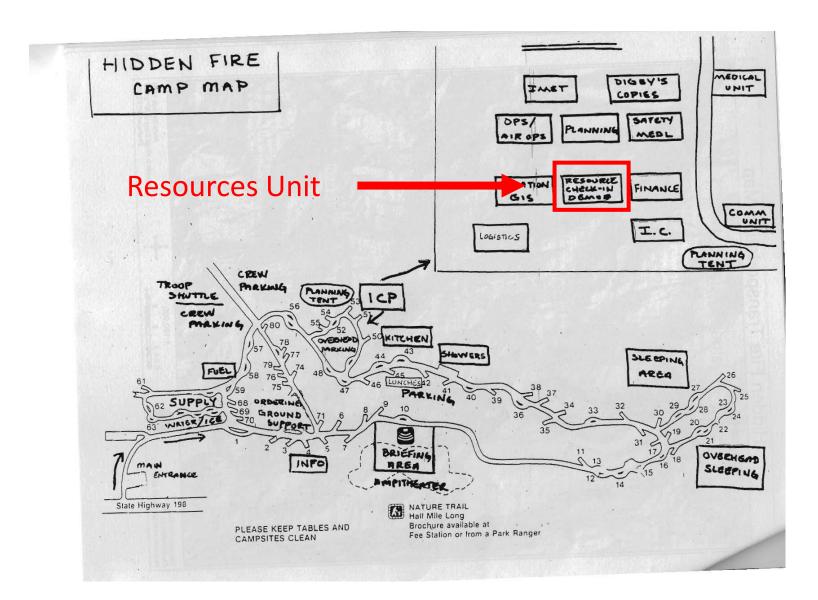
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### IAP Additions cont.

- READ IAP Message
  - MIST guidelines
  - Bear recommendations



## DAY 2, 1950: IAP Additions cont.



### DAY 2, 2000: Cedar's To-Do List

- Additions to IAP...2000 deadline
- Meet up with Food Unit Leader re: bears
- ICP weed issues
- Checklist for tomorrow's briefing
- Consultation/compliance...cultural
- Call Rich

### DAY 2, 2010: Food Unit Leader

- We need adequate bear boxes for the three spike camps
  - FUDL: Does the park have any, how many, and how big?
- I call contact in park Maintenance...only three and quite small. Better to go through adjacent USFS unit.
- FUDL is already dealing with them. Will place bear box order.

### DAY 2, 2030: Cedar's To-Do List

- Additions to IAP...2000 deadline
- Meet up with FUDL re: bears
- ICP weed issues
- Checklist for tomorrow's briefing
- Consultation/compliance...cultural resources
   Call Rich

# DAY 2, 2030: ICP & Weeds

- Issues:
  - Seed sources at ICP
  - Seeds transported by ordered resources...arriving from across the western United States



Spotted knapweed, Montana



Common Crupina, Washington



Euphorbia terracina, Southern California



Bufflegrass, Arizona



#### DAY 2, 2040: ICP & Weeds cont.

Check park Resource Advisor Guide:

#### "Before entering the park:

- all equipment should be pressure or steamwashed to remove contaminated soil, seeds or plant propagules.
- boots and personal field equipment should be inspected for contaminated soil, seeds and plant propagules.

#### DAY 2, 2050: ICP & Weeds cont.

- Check with Marti, Alison and Tony
  - Vehicle cleaning requirements pretty burdensome (what about park vehicles going to and from ICP everyday?)
  - Recommend all non-local vehicles entering park for the first time be cleaned at park weed wash station
    - Announce at morning briefing
    - Hand out sketch map of location
    - Have Jun set up directional sign



#### DAY 2, 2115: ICP and Weeds cont.

- What about personnel and equipment being airlifted from helibase?
  - Good "bottleneck" to stop dispersal
  - Tarps for sling loads...could be safety issue. Need to consult with Air Ops.
  - Cleaning station for crews and their personal equipment...tarp, brushes, disposal equipment.
     Need people to man station.
- Cedar calls park Invasives Specialist. Two or three Bio Techs could help...will call in morning to inform about availability and interest.

### DAY 2, 2130: Cedar's To-Do List

- Additions to IAP...2000 deadline
- Meet up with FUDL re: bears
- ICP weed issues
- Checklist for tomorrow's morning briefing
- Consultation/compliance...cultural resources
- Call Rich

#### DAY 2, 2145: Morning Briefing Checklist

- Introduce myself...point out that REAFs are experts on resource issues. They are here to help.
- Big issues:
  - Limiting the spread of weed seed
  - Bears
  - Cabin on DIV A
  - This is a park...all resources protected by law
- IAP Attachments
  - Park's MIST Guidelines
  - Recommendations for dealing with bears

# DAY 2, 2150: Call Rich

- He wants to know a lot of stuff
  - Give me a size up of the fire!
  - Are there post-fire threats to life and property?
  - What are the values at risk?
  - What is the Incident Management organization?
  - What type of REAF/READ resources do you have on the fire?

### DAY 2, 2300: Cedar's To-Do List

- Additions to IAP...2000 deadline
- Meet up with FUDL re: bears
- ICP weed issues
- Checklist for tomorrow's briefing
- Consultation/compliance...cultural resources
- Call Rich

# DAY 2, 2305: Tomorrow's To-Do List

- Bear boxes
- Weed people
- Consultation/compliance

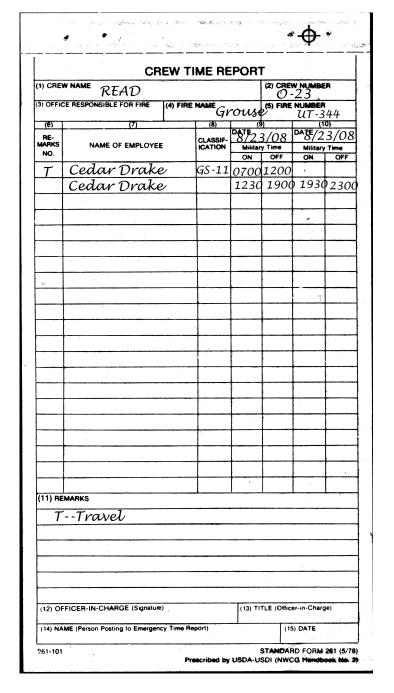


# DAY 2, 2315: Unit Log (ICS-214)

1. Incident Name Grouse Fire			2. Operational Period (I From: 0700 (XX/XX)	INDIVIDUAL LOG ICS 214a-OS								
3. Individual Name Cedar Drake			S Section Planning	5. Assignment/Loca Overhead RE/								
6. Activity	Log				Page 1	1 of 1						
Time	Time Major Events											
0700	Departed duty station											
1000	Arrived at Incident; briefed with READ											
1200	Attended Operations planning meeting											
1600	Attended Planning meeting											
1700	Briefed incoming READs, prepared IAP documentation, planned for next operational shift											
7. Prepared by: Cedar Drake  Date/Time XX/XXXXX 2400												
INDIVIDI	UAL LOG		June 2000		ICS 214a-OS							

## DAY 2, 2330: Time

- No more than 16 hrs./shift without IC approval
- Show break for meals







# DAY 3, 0500: WAY Too Early

Drag carcass out of bed and get dressed

 Get to Operations trailer for pre-operational briefing at 0515

At 0545 meet up with AREP to discuss today's plan

Review notes for 0600 morning briefing

# DAY 3, 0600: Morning Briefing



# **Operational Briefings**

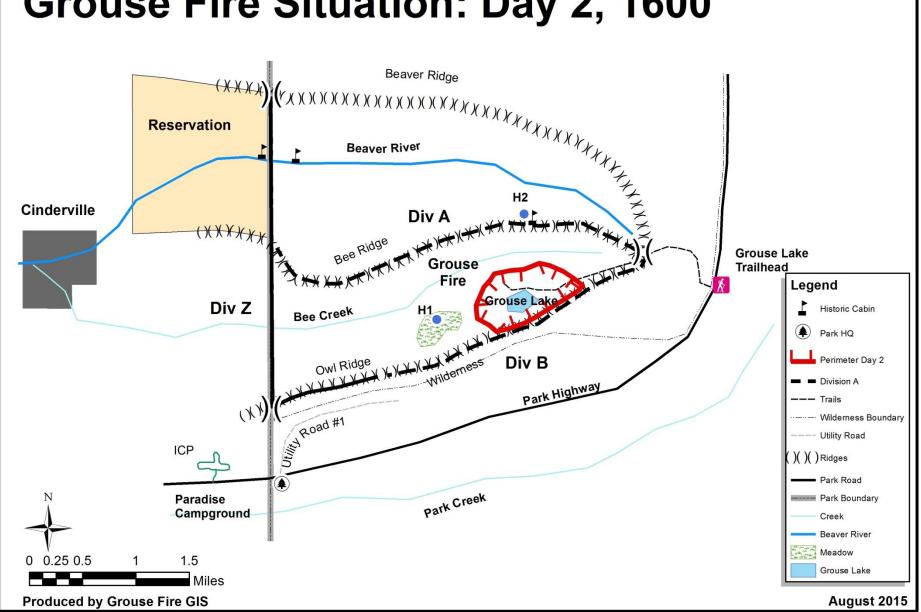
 Present the daily IAP and assignments to supervisors for the next operational period

 Attended by Command and General Staff, Branch Directors, Division Supervisors, Task Force/Strike Team Leaders, AREP, READs

Facilitated by the Planning Section Chief, set schedule,
 READ message toward the end

Intimidating...remember BRIEF-ing

# Grouse Fire Situation: Day 2, 1600



# DAY 3, 0645: Morning Briefing

#### Issues:

- DIV A= Cabin protection kit is in place. Echo,
   Sandee and Jun will be there to assist.
- DIV B= Tony and Alison will be at the park wash station...directions in DIV breakout; provide guidance for vegetation thinning in the cultural landscape
- DIV Z= Joe and Jack will be present on the fireline
- IAP attachments, park resources protected
- "Fun Fact" of the Day

## DAY 3, 0700: Division Break-Out



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- Assigned REAFs attach to respective Divisions
  - Jun floats among Divisions as needed

- Directions to park weed wash station provided to DIVS for DIV B
  - REAFs or THSPs will meet vehicles there

### DAY 3, 0730: Lead READ Tasks

- To-Do's
  - Bear Boxes
  - Weed stuff...speak to Air Ops, waiting for call
  - Consultation/compliance issues



## DAY 3, 0745: Bear Boxes

- Speak to FUDL...bear boxes have arrived and are at helibase.
- Check them out...several issues
  - Actually tool boxes...will they work?
  - Confusing to lock...not all have instructions
- Call Bear Management
   Specialist at park; need to have her take a look...please bring digital images of bear damage



## Spike Camp Food Storage and Sanitation



### DAY 3, 0745: Bear Boxes cont.

Problem: Bear boxes that are tough to use won't be used

Call Marti...have her come down to helispot.



 Task her with making locking instruction sheets that can be affixed to outer lid of boxes...include images of bear damage

## DAY 3, 0830: REAFs Head Out

 REAFs depart for the fireline...DIV Z REAFs drive up with crews. DIV B REAFs already headed up to park wash station.

 DIV A REAFs and Jun fly out of helibase with crews...cabin protection kit was dropped at cabin yesterday evening.





### **Cabin Protection Kit**

#### **CABIN PROTECTION KIT**

#### Box # 1

Mark Three bag w/ inventory list

100' ½" nylon rope 200' nylon cord

absorbent pad

2 staple hammers

2 staple guns

8 boxes staples (match hammer/gun)

1 hammer

25' tape measure

2 1 ½" gated wyes

wrecking bar

### total box wt. 80 lbs.

#### Box # 2

5 1 1/2"-1" reducers

8 1"- 3/4" reducers

2 1" caps

1 2"-1 ½" reducers

2 1 ½" gated wyes

4 1" gated wyes

4 3/4" gated wyes

6 2' stands w/ inline T

4 1 ½" inline T

2 1" inline T

4 3/4" valve shutoffs

1 1 1/2" foot valve

1 2" foot valve

1 forester nozzle

1 1½" lexxon nozzle

1 1" lexxon nozzle

3 25'-50' 1 ½" hose

1 roll masking tape

2 rolls duct tape

#### Box # 3

1500' 3/4" hose, synthetic

4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" low roof sprinklers

6 1 ½" inline ground sprinklers

6 2'X 1 ½" inline ground sprinklers

3 extra sprinkler heads

1 crescent wrench

1 lb. 16d duplex nails

1 lb. 5d duplex nails

#### total box wt. 80 lbs.

### Misc. loose items:

2 400' quicklay packs of 1 ½" hose

1 600' quicklay pack of 1 1/2" hose

2 Mark Three pumps

2 Mark Three fuel cans 20:1 mix w\ fuel lines

4 Gerry cans 20:1 mix w\ nozzle

1 folding ladder

1 1 1/2" suction hose

1 2" suction hose

1 Climbing harness

Rolls of shelter wrap- as needed per site

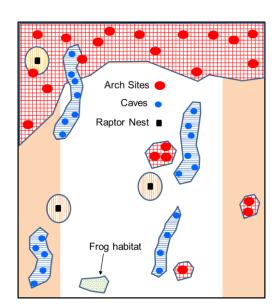
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## DAY 3, 0830: REAFs To Do List

- Meet line personnel
- Walk line. Is it what we expected?
- Document existing impacts
- Implement IAP

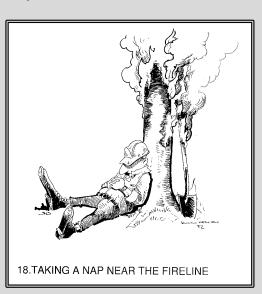






## Being an Effective REAF

- Let the job come to you
- Know the issues and the potential solutions
- Know what is negotiable (and what is not)
- Lend a helping hand
- Document



## DAY 3, 0830: Lead READ Tasks

Call from Marti...bear tech says boxes are good to go.
 Inform FDUL, tell DIV A and B REAFs about instructions

- To-Do's:
  - Bear boxes
  - Weed stuff
  - Consultation/compliance issues

## DAY 3, 0845: Weeds

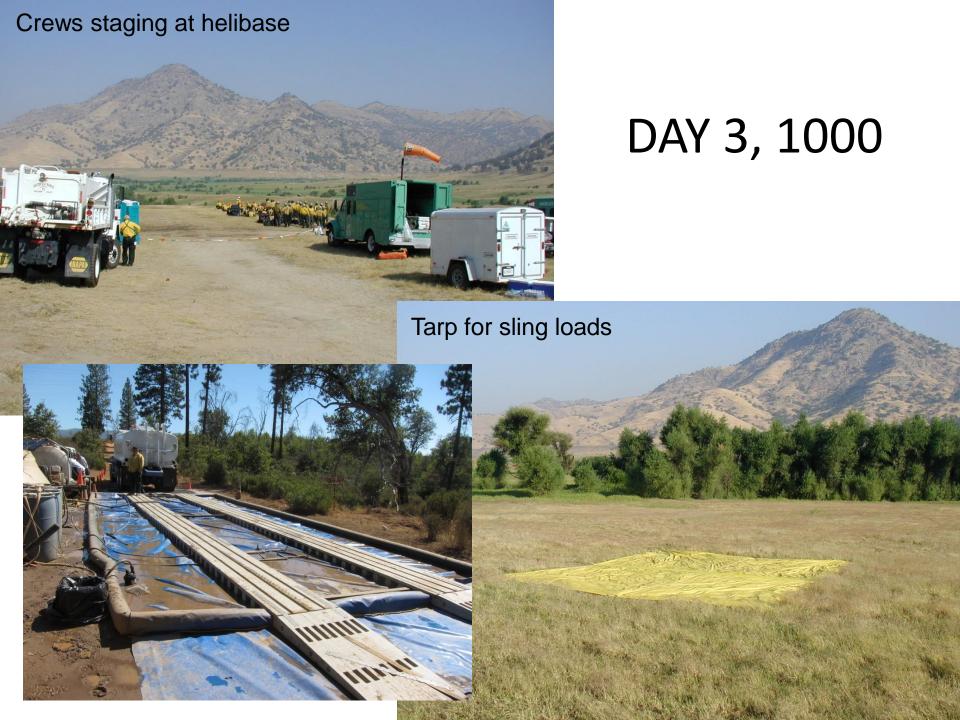
- Talk with Air Ops...says tarp would be acceptable for sling loads. Will speak to helibase manager about setting up.
- Park Invasives Specialist calls...three people available beginning this morning. None have red cards, none are in IROC

 Get names and contact info. Place order through Ordering. Have them come down to the ICP and tie in with me

## General Message: ICS-213 form

GENERAL MESSAGE								
TO: R	Resource C	ordering	PC	PSITION:				
FROM: N	Nelson Siefl	cin	PC	SITION: READ				
SUBJECT: Nan	ne Reques	Orders for THSP	DA	XX/XX/XXXX	TIME:	0900		
MESSAGE:			,					
Please order the following individuals as THSP's:								
1.	1. Jane Doe (NPS) start XX/XX/XXXX at 1000							
2.	2. John Doe (NPS) start XX/XX/XXXX at 1000							
3.	Joe Doe	(NPS) start XX/XX/XXXX	at 1000					
None of these	individual	are in ROSS. All work fo	r the park and	d can be contacted	through	n park dispatch (XXX.XXX.XXXX).		
Please feel free	e to conta	ct me if you have any q	uestions (510.	507.7357)				
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ICS 213 NFES 1336



## Preventing Weed Seed Dispersal on Cargo





## DAY 3, 1005: Lead READ Tasks

- To-Do's:
  - Bear boxes
  - Weed stuff
  - Consultation/compliance issues



## Consultation/Compliance

Federal laws and policies protecting natural and cultural resources still apply during wildfire response.

All READs need to work diligently to take all efforts to prevent impacts to sensitive resources.

However....

sometimes it's unavoidable that stuff gets broken

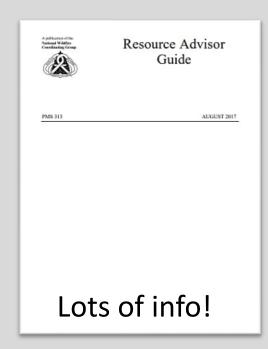
## Consultation/Compliance

### **READ Response:**

- 1. Secure/stabilize the site: Prevent additional damage
- 2. Document the impact
- 3. Communicate the impact to:
  - IMT: to prevent additional damage to the site or reoccurring damage elsewhere on the fire
  - Agency Administrator/ Agency Representative
    - Local Resource Specialist: notification to appropriate officials
      - NHPA = SHPO/THPO
      - ESA = USFWS
      - Etc.

## Consultation/Compliance

- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Archeological Resources Protection Act
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
- Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act
- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Wilderness Act
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
- And many many more



## **Endangered Species Act: Section 7**

 Emergency consultation required for all T&E species; conference for proposed species; none for candidate species (agency may require)



Consultation is required for suppression actions....not fire effects

## Section 106: National Historic Preservation Act

Authority for emergency situations found in 800.12...respond to immediate threats to life and property

- Programmatic approach encouraged
- Contact applicable State/Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO/THPO) & other interested parties ASAP; seven days to comment
- Applies only to undertakings implemented within 30 days of emergency declaration

Phone Log for Cultural Resource Impact Associated with Fire Suppression July 10, 2004

**Cedar Drake** 

**Lead Resource Advisor: Grouse Fire** 

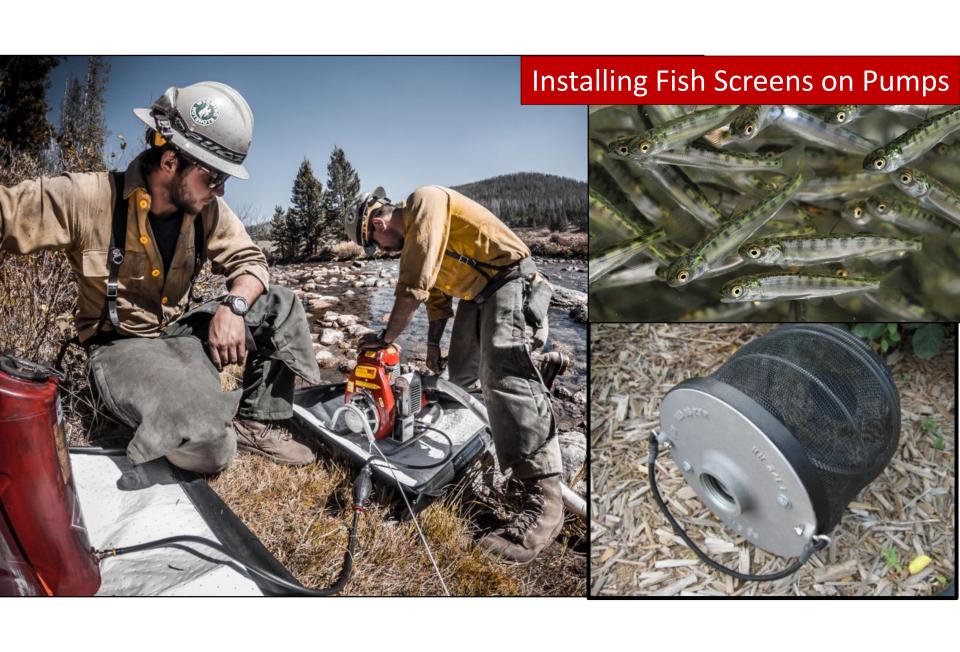
Wayne Johnson
Big Fire National Park Archeologist
912.212.2121

I am writing to inform you of suppression related impact to archeological site CA-SHA-2004. Impact was sustained to the surface site during active fire suppression activities on the evening of July 8, 2004. A bulldozer constructing fireline in the area, inadvertently tracked over the location and deposited approximately 2 ft. of side cast material onto the site. Incident resource advisors have documented the site through notes and photos. The impacted area has been flagged off to prevent future disturbance and operational fire personnel managing the area have been informed to avoid any future activities which may further destabilize the site. Photos, read observations, and a hand drawn sketch of the area are attached to this message.

If needed, a field visit to the disturbed site can be arranged once conditions are safe to enter the area.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Cedar Drake Grouse Fire Lead Resource Advisor 360.123.456.7890



### **Wilderness Wildfire Guidelines**

### **Role of Wildfire**

Recognize that, in fire dependent wilderness ecosystems, fire is necessary in order to preserve the natural conditions of wilderness as mandated by law and agency policy.

To the extent possible, allow fire to play its natural role in the ecological processes of wilderness.

### **Wildfire Management Activities**

Minimize the unnatural effects of fire suppression activities in wilderness.

Conduct all fire management activities within wilderness in a manner compatible with overall wilderness management objectives. Give preference to using methods and equipment that cause the least:

Degradation of wilderness character

Alteration to the wilderness landscape

Disturbance of the land surface or degradation of habitat or water quality

Disturbance to visitor solitude

Need for subsequent restoration or mitigation

Complete Minimum Requirements Analysis'

### Wildfire Retardant Use (Pre-Season Planning)

Is retardant allowed?

If used, what are the criteria (type, color, etc.) for use?

Will temporary retardant dip sites be allowed?

### Wildfire Suppression Tactics (Both Pre-Season Planning and during the incident)

Minimum Impact Strategy and Tactics (MIST, see Appendix J)

Others



### Sample Process and Guidelines for use of Heavy Equipment (dozers, tractors, etc.) in Fire Emergency Situations in National Forest Wilderness Areas

Note – The process and guidelines presented below do not represent new or existing Forest Service policy except where indicated.

#### **Dozer Approval Authority**

Only the Regional Forester may approve dozer use in Wilderness (FSM 2326.04c).

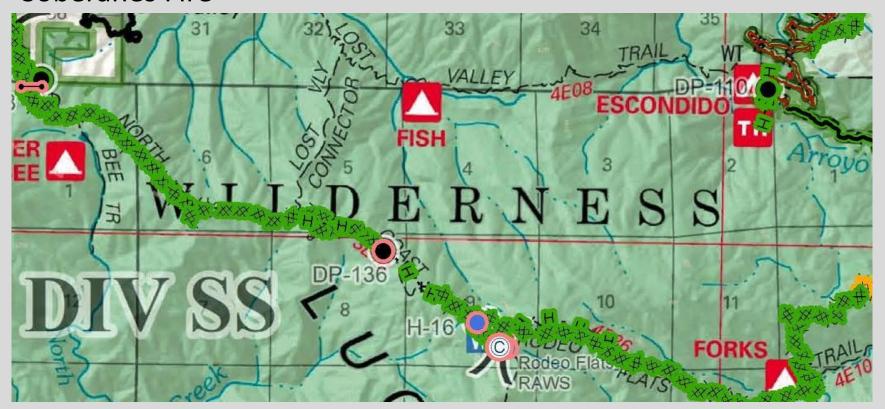
#### **Information Needed for Approval**

For dozer use requests, please provide the Regional Office with the following information needed to make an informed decision:

- 1) Why is the use of a dozer in wilderness the minimum requirement to achieve fire management objectives? (See the Motorized Equipment Need and Approval Form at: <a href="http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=toolboxes&sec=fire2">http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=toolboxes&sec=fire2</a>)
  - Describe alternative tactics considered and why they are not feasible.
  - Explain why the bulldozer line is necessary in wilderness and why a line cannot be placed outside of wilderness.



### Soberanes Fire



## Wilderness "Minimum Requirement Analysis"

 Exceptions can be made to the Wilderness Act (e.g., use of motorized equipment) for the administration of an area as wilderness...includes fire management

Minimum tool or requirement concept

 Incorporate as part of compliance documentation for Fire Management Plan

### Document, Document

### Appendix D

Wilderness Minimum Requirement Analysis for the 2005 Fire Management Plan for Death Valley National Park

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# MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS DECISION GUIDE WORKSHEETS

Please refer to the accompanying MRDG <u>instructions</u> for filling out this guide. The spaces in the worksheets will expand as necessary as you enter your response.

Step 1: Determine if any adminsitrative action is necessary.

Description: Briefly describe the situation that may prompt action.

To determine if administrative action is necessary, answer the questions listed in A - F on the following pages.

A. Describe Valid Existing Rights or Special Provisions of Wilderness Legislation Are there valid existing rights or is there a special provision in wilderness legislation (the Wilderness Act of 1954 or subsequent wilderness laws) that allows consideration of action involving Section 4(c) uses? One law and section.

Yes: | No: | Not Applicable: |

Explain:

B. Describe Requirements of Other Legislation |
Do other laws require action?

Yes: | No: | Not Applicable: |

Explain:

C. Describe Other Guidance

Does taking action conform to and implement relevant standards and guidelines and direction contained in agency policy, unit and wilderness management plans, species recovery plans, tribal government agreements, state and local government and interagency agreements?

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Not Applicable:

### DAY 3, 1200: Meet with Kent and Marti

- Marti says weed cleaning station at helibase is working well...crews are being very cooperative
- Need to start scoping short and long-term resource impacts...Kent will create a spatial database to document sites which may have been impacted and need to be checked
- e.g., Weeds
  - Locations to be surveyed and/or treated for weeds— ICP, park wash station, sampling points between ICP and park

# **Tracking Bodies**



Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
Jun K.	X	Х	Х						
Echo D.	Х	Х	Х						
Cedar D.		Travel	Х						
Marti W.		Travel	Х						
Jack O.		Travel	Х						
Joe S.		Travel	Х						
Sandee D.		Travel	Х						
Alison F.		Travel	Х						
Tony C.		Travel	Х						
Kent VW.		Travel	Х						

## DAY 3, 1400: Tomorrow's Tactics

 As anticipated, there are problems with slopovers in NW corner of DIV A...retardant drops aren't holding well

 OSCs inquire about backing off to northern boundary of Beaver River watershed

 AREP calls the Line officer...he is adamant that Beaver River watershed should remain unburned if at all possible

## DAY 3, 1430: Jun Calls

"What's the deal with all of the retardant?"



## DAY 3, 1500: Tomorrow's Tactics

 OSC returns from overflight...retardant drop has landed midslope on the southern aspect of Bee Creek watershed, just east of park boundary...it is windy, hot and very smoky.

 Cedar reluctantly contacts the park Aquatic Biologist...he's very displeased..."I'll be down there in 15 minutes."

## DAY 3, 1515: Damage Control

- "How could that happen?"
- "It's very complex operationally; more drops mean more chances for mistakes..."





## DAY 3, 1515: Damage Control cont.

"What are you going to do about it?"



- "Nothing we can do right now."
  - Need to file report of retardant drop on the USFS website
  - Fire suppression account can be used to perform post-fire monitoring...prepare a proposal and budget



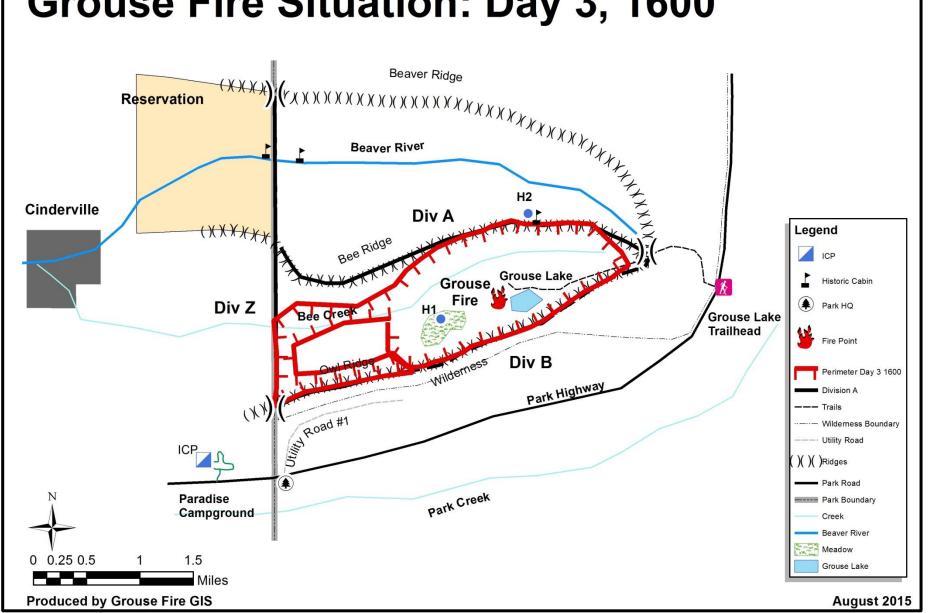
## DAY 3, 1530: Update from Jun

- He is on DIV A...things are going well
- Cabin is protected; bear boxes in place
- He saw drop into Bee Creek
- Any issues that need to be addressed before, during planning meeting?
  - No. He will be checking in with other REAFs at 1800; will call me back at 1900

# DAY 3, 1600: Planning Meeting



## **Grouse Fire Situation: Day 3, 1600**



# DAY 3, 1650: Planning Meeting: READ Input

- By all indications, things are going well on the fireline
- Cabin on DIV A is protected, bear boxes are in place
- Additional updates will come in at 1900
- "We support the plan"

# DAY 3, 1700: Lead READ Tasks

- IAP additions due at 2000
- Talk to Jun at 1900
- Prepare bear posters
- Call Rich
- Have Marti and Kent prepare REAF "Care Packages"
- Morning briefing checklist
- Unit log
- Time

## DAY 3, 1900: Jun calls back

- Div A: Crews did excellent job wrapping cabin. Some "bone piles"...will have crews disperse.
- Div B: Problems with trash and not using bear boxes...DIVS blew off REAFs. Jun will head over there tomorrow. Otherwise going OK.
- Div Z: Observed some sport falling, site furniture, etc. No impacts to arch sites.











## DAY 3, 1900: Jun calls back CONT.

• J: "Do you want us to try to map retardant drops?"

 C: "No. We will try to get information from operations. Otherwise, we can do a fly over after the fire. Tomorrow could get interesting. Let me know if you need anything."

 J: "Copy. I will give you a call at some point tomorrow. Quick story from Alison and Tony about a shot crew setting up camp in a meadow..."

# DAY 3, 1930: IAP Additions

- Double check IAP for REAF division assignments
- Include special instructions by division: Cabin on Div A, MIST and food storage on all
- Ensure MIST guidelines and bear recommendations are in READ IAP insert

## DAY 3, 1945: IAP Additions CONT.

- Marti put together a READ IAP message educating about weeds:
  - All personnel leaving ICP for fire should inspect and clean clothing and personal equipment



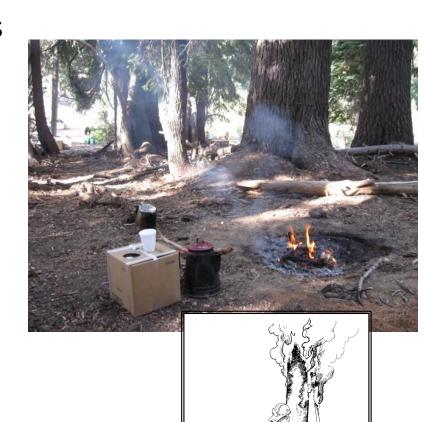
- All vehicles assigned to Div B should clean vehicle at park weed wash station upon first entry into park
- Personnel flying into Div A will first go through a weed cleaning station at helibase
- Thank you. Your assistance and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

# DAY 3, 2000: Overhead READ Tasks

- IAP additions due at 2000
- Talk to Jun at 1900
- Prepare bear posters
- Call Rich
- Have Marti and Kent prepare REAF "Care Packages"
- Ops briefing checklist
- Unit log
- Time

# DAY 3, 2030: REAFs in the evening...

- Answering philosophical questions about latrine placement...
- Smokejumpers and REAFs on the fireline-like hanging out with Elvis.
- Help organize food & trash in camp.
- Organize paperwork, data
- Finding that common groundstrong coffee, where you went to school.



#### Fireline Time

# Criteria for Hazard pay from Incident Business Management Handbook (pg. 10-25)

 <u>Firefighting</u> – Participating as a member <u>of a firefighting crew</u> in fighting forest and range fires on the fireline before the fire is controlled.
 Personnel assigned firefighting duties are not entitled to hazard pay after the declaration of an official control time and date.

This does not include personnel engaged in logistical support, service, and non-suppression activities, e.g., media tours to the fireline, incident personnel driving to the fire to observe activities, drivers delivering tools or personnel (Appendix B - hazard/environmental pay matrix).

 <u>Flying</u> – Individuals, except pilots, who are participating in limited control flights.

Hazard pay for flying activities is related to the use of the aircraft, not the work of the occupants. If the flight is undertaken under unusual and adverse conditions which threaten or severely limit control of the aircraft, then hazard pay is warranted. Hazard pay is not authorized for situations such as flying passengers from a work center to a location to fix equipment when there are no adverse conditions that threaten or severely limit the aircraft.

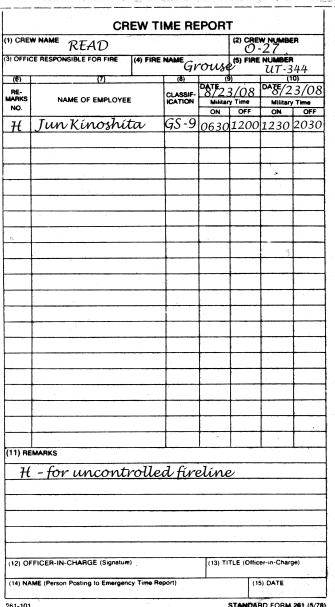
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#### Fireline Time

### Criteria for Hazard pay from **Incident Business Management** Handbook (pg. 10-26)

- Groundwork Beneath Hovering Helicopter Participating in ground operations to attach an external load to a helicopter hovering just overhead.
- Work in rough and remote terrain Working on cliffs, narrow ledges, or near vertical mountainous slopes where a loss of footing would result in serious injury or death, or when working in areas where there is danger of rock falls or avalanches.

Burned Area Emergency Response (assessment or implementation) does not meet the definition of firefighting for hazard pay eligibility; however, hazard pay criteria listed above may apply.



STANDARD FORM 261 (5/78)

## DAY 3, 2100: Bear Poster

Talk to Public Information Officer about placing a poster

of bear damage at the information board...



## DAY 3: 2130, Bear Poster cont.

#### Make smaller versions to send out to fireline









# DAY 3, 2200: Ready REAF Care Packages

GPS units, cameras, batteries; bear posters;
 IAPs (if available); maps, MIST guidelines, etc.

 Place in small Action Packer clearly labeled READs

 Will go out tomorrow...in person to DIV Z REAFs, hand to DIVS for DIV B REAFs, fly out to DIV A REAFs

## DAY 3, 2230: Call Rich

- Still in a holding pattern...if fire stays in Bee Creek, we can handle it. If it goes into Beaver River, we'll need some help.
- Tomorrow is the make or break day....good chance of catching this thing
- We'll probably need help from some hydrology/geology specialists... we're good on every other issue.

# DAY 3, 2300: READ Tasks

- IAP additions due at 2000
- Talk to Jun at 1900
- Prepare bear posters
- Call Rich
- Have Marti and Kent prepare READ "Care Packages"
- Ops briefing checklist
- Unit log
- Time

